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# **Doubts Remain** On U.S. Recovery

## **Economists Fear Relapse** Unless Hiring Perks Up

By Louis Uchitelle New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For all the robust gains showing up in recent U.S. economic reports, most economists say that the evidence so far is not sufficient to demonstrate that a strong enough recovery is under way to generate job growth.

Unless job growth resumes soon, they say, there will not be enough additional family income to sustain the jump in consumer spending that began 60 days ago.

That could mean a renewal of the recession or, at the very least, a continuation of the stagnation that has plagued the American economy for three years. A similar upturn last spring, also hailed as the first stage of a recovery, came to a halt in August after failing to

"I don't think you can go past May without significant job growth and keep a recovery going," said David Wyss, senior economist at DRI/McGraw-Hill, a data-gathering service. One million fewer Americans hold jobs than before the recession began in July 1990. On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that unemployment claims fell by 27,000 in the first week of March, but the improvement was largely accounted for by fewer layoffs among auto improvement was largely accounted for by fewer layoffs among auto workers producing cars at levels that are unlikely to be sustained without a durable recovery. (Page 12)

Healthy increases in retail sales, house construction and anto and

truck production since December have prompted many economists to predict that by midsummer the economy will be growing at an annual rate of more than 3 percent.

A 3 percent growth rate by midsummer would mark the first time since the winter of 1989 that the growth rate had exceeded even 2 percent - a slowdown that has hlurred the distinction between stagnation and recession.

Strictly speaking, a recession means that the gross domestic product, measuring all the new wealth created in the United States in a given period, is shrinking, as it did from the summer of 1990 until last spring. Since then, growth has been so anemic that economists and the public alike have often called it a recession.

The reason for this blurring of definitions is the loss of jobs. By most estimates, if jobs are to be created again, rather than lost through layoffs and attrition, then gross domestic product must grow at an annual rate of more than 2 percent for several quarters, and perhaps by as much as 3 percent.

Robert M. Solow, a Nobel laureate in economic sciences, says 3 percent "is just about enough to keep the unemployment rate constant or slightly diminishing

Whatever the long-term outlook, President George Bush can point to the incipient upturn as evidence that an election-year recovery is under way. And his Democratic opponents can hammer away at the

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# White Opposition Hints At Shift in South Africa By David B. Ottaway

white opposition Conservative Parpart of the problem. ty debated inconclusively on Thursday whether to end its boycott of constitutional negotiations after its stunning defeat in a whitesonly referendum that approved President Frederik W. de Klerk's moves toward a multiracial democ-

After a three-hour meeting in Cape Town, a Conservative Party spokesman, Cornelius P. Mulder, said "further evaluation" of the refcrendum outcome would be necessary before any decision was made on whether to join the talks.

Mr. Mulder hinted, however, that the party might decide now "to change perhaps our strategy."

Mr. Mulder denied that a split in

the party's ranks was imminent but conceded that there were some among its 42 members in Parliament who were in favor of participating in the negotiations.

The party, already divided over the constitutional talks before the referendum, has been traumatized by the results of the vote Tuesday, which saw nearly 70 percent of 2.8 million white voters approve Mr. de Klerk's anti-apartheid program. About 85 percent of eligible whites

Mr. Mulder said the party had not expected such a lopsided result. He said the party accepted the ont-come as "a matter of fact but oot necessarily as an eternal truth." The Conservatives still had a "very definite role to play" in the

search for a settlement, he said. Mr. Mulder said parties involved in the constitutional talks and "the international community" had to decide whether the 876,000 whites

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Pour Service

JOHANNESBURG — The who voted against the process were going to become part of the solution or if we are going to become

Both Mr. de Klerk and Nelsoc Mandela, president of the African National Congress, have renewed appeals to the Conservative Party to present its proposals for a sepa-rate white nation to the negotiating forum. Mr. Mandela said Thursday that the Conservatives were welcome to present their case, "no matter how repulsive their views

The ANC leader said all efforts should now turn to speeding up the oegotiations to establish a multiracial interim government as soon as

But Mr. de Klerk issued a word of caution Thursday about expecting quick results in the negotiations

after the referendum victory. The basis of negotiation is consensus, so no one can say how long it will take," he said.

Meanwhile, South Africa tasted the first benefits of Mr. de Klerk's decisive victory as the Danish government announced it would immediately lift its trade embargo and Canada and Sweden said they would review theirs.

South African newspapers on Thursday divided their attention between the referendum outcome and announcement of increases in taxes on gasoline, cigarettes, beer and other items to help finance increases in government spending black education, housing and

health facilities. It seemed an apt reminder to white South Africans of one implication of the "yes" vote for negotiations: the shift in national priorities to begin tackling the needs of the black population.

#### Kiosk

#### Israel Bars Gaza Strip Palestinians JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli Army on Thursday indefinitely barred Palestinians living in the occupied Gaza Strip from entering

Israel for any reason.

The restriction is the first blanket travel ban imposed on Gaza since the Gulf War, when most areas in Gaza and the occupied West

Bank were placed under curiew. More than 50,000 Gaza Palestinians work in Israel. The order followed a stabbing attack on Tuesday in Jaffa by a Palestinian man from Gaza that left two Israelis dead and 20

wounded. The army said in a statement that the aim of the measure was to "reduce friction between residents of Gaza and Israel."

General News Refugees on the Oktoberfest site focus attention on Germany's asylum policy.

Business/Finance Spain must fight inflation, OECD said.

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A major retrospective in Tokyo of the work of Isamu Noguchi highlights a new national trend: Japanese appreciation of Japanese art. Carol Lutiy reports.

# **Main Event** In America: The Vets vs. Class of '68 For Power

By Richard Reeves cial to the Herald Tribune

Paul Tsongas's retreat from the presidential field sets up the politi-cal battle the United States has been huilding toward for more than 20 years. Not George Bush versus Bill Clinton, though that could be interesting enough, but the vets against the baby-boomers. The torch will be passed to a new generation. But neither willingly

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nor graciously. The only open question is whether the transaction will take place this year or in 1996.

The veterans, roughly represent-ing the 63 million Americans born between 1901 and 1924, have produced eight straight presidents, every one of them officers in World War II. The symbolism is magic: from the Old Man, Dwight Eisenhower, to the youngest officer in the navy, George Bush.

Now we bave the Class of '68, the year Mr. Clinton graduated from Georgetown and moved on to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Born in 1946, be would he the first of his cohort to win a presidential nomination, the first of the 79 million Americans born between 1946 and

Good-bye and good luck, Mr, Tsongas. You were brave and honest, but you were destined to be a

You may have been the last chance for the Sileot Generation, the 49 million of us born during the Depression and the war - Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale, Gary Hart, Jack Kemp, Mario Cuomo all failed. So, too, has Jerry Brown, still hanging to there, trying to pass as a baby-boomer.

Americans are the most generational of people. Each cohort has its own history. Where else is it perfectly acceptable for even the est-educated of men and women

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# Tsongas, Broke, Halts Campaign For Presidency

## Clinton Virtually Assured Of Democratic Nomination

By Paul F. Horvitz

Tsongas, out of money and running a distant second, halted his quest for the presidency on Thursday, leaving Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas as the presumptive Democtatic Party nominee to face President George Bush in November.

Mr. Tsongas, the low-key former senator from Massachusetts, said in Boston that his campaign was

nearly a year ago.
He said he would "suspend" his campaign, thus retaining, for now at least, the delegates he has won to

added wistfully.

Now, only the insurgent campaign of former Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. of California or a major new scandal stand in Mr. Clinton's way of attaining the Democratic nomination at the age

Mr. Tsongas, 51, became the fourth Democratic candidate to drop out of the race.

In announcing his withdrawal, Mr. Tsongas said he believed that cans in the fall campaign.

But he added: "The hard fact is that the nomination process re-quires resources — to fight the media war in New York. My message would have been wounded, and all that I have worked for would have been put at risk. The message must endure."

"I'm not the most telegenic and

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — Paul E.

deep in debt and could not sustain the longshot effort he launched

"It's been a hell of a ride," he

he could have attracted independent voters and moderate Republi-

charismatic character to come down the road," Mr. Tsongas said, adding that Mr. Clinton "is in the driver's seat, by any definition of that term."

The former senator said he would oot compromise his principles on the issues and that playing

the role of spoiler would not be worthy." "I congratulate Bill Clinton," he said. "I look forward to the conventioo and I look forward to a Democratic victory in November.

"We feel good, and I don't want that to be diminished by running a campaign that lacks dignity," Mr. Tsongas earlier told his hometown newspaper in Lowell, Massachu-

Mr. Clinton, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press,

#### Irate Illinois voters have shaken a nation of incumbents. Page 3.

sounded overwhelmed, saying, "It means my stroogest opponent is not going to be there anymore,"
"But we fight on," he said. "I
don't have the votes yet and there are a lot of important states coming up, and the last thing I want these

good people to think is that I'm taking them from granted." Mr. Tsongas was virtually un-known when he became the first Democrat to enter the race soon after the end of the Gulf War. He won the crucial New Hampshire primary, largely because Mr. Clinton faltered on character issues

Then Mr. Tsongas, preaching pro-business economics and "honesty," rode the momentum and press attentioo to victories in faryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island by appealing to well-educated, upscale liberals and independent

But Mr. Tsongas faltered badly throughout the South and even lost steam in Michigan or Illinois. He has 430 delegates but did oot endorse Mr. Clinton on Thursday. His delegates remain officially pledged to him, although he can eventually request that they support another candidate.

Mr. Tsongas has played down suggestions that he might accept See TSONGAS, Page 3

# For Bush, New Risks in Showdown With Saddam

By Patrick E. Tyler

WASHINGTON - Although almost no one in the world opposes taking away weapons of mass destruction from Saddam Hussein, the Bush administration's preparations for a new military showdown with Baghdad are fraught with political risks and unpredictable results.

Intended to prevent the Iraqi leader from reneging on his cease-fire obligations and, along the way, to loosen his grip on power, the military planning that administration spokesmen sought to play down Thursday is simply not driven by the clear-cut imperatives that burried last year's effort to save Kuwait from occupation by Iraqi generals.

In holding his cards close to the vest, President George Bush spoke volumes Thursday when be ducked questions on Iraq and pointed to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney after a cabinet meeting at the White House. "Here's the Iraq man right here," he quipped, as if to say Iraq policy was moving from the diplomatic realm at the United Nations and back into the war rooms.

Chief among the political risks this time is whether Mr. Bush can hold together the broad international coalition

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that participated in last year's successful expulsion of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, to enforce the terms of the cease-fire that ended those hostilities.

This time, Mr. Busb is not asking for explicit authority to act. American officials assert that they already have it. But the 30-nation coalition that conducted or financed the Desert Storm operation has shrunk to only the core countries most intent on driving Mr. Saddam from power.

The temptation to speed Mr. Saddam's departure from the scene in a presidential election year is an unmistakable factor in White House calculations. But this will make questions about the imponderables all the more relevant to the internal discussions that will precede Mr. Bush's final decision to launch military attacks.

For example, if new military action triggers another uprising in Iraq, will the United States be obliged to support it, or at least to try to prevent the wholesale slaughter that occurred in the predominantly Shiite Mus-lim south and Kurdish corth in March 1991?

What if a new operation triggers a coup against Mr. Saddam and the Iraqi military seeks American air and ground support to cordon off Baghdad and smoke Mr. Saddam out of his final bunker? Will the United States

See IRAQ, Page 6

## Americans In Libya: Leave Now

U.S. Warns

By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -- The United States on Thursday urged all Americans in Libya to leave before the United Nations Security Council imposes an air embargo that would make it more difficult to get oot of

the country.

The appeal was made as the United States, joined by Britain and France, prepared to seek Security Council approval of a resolution that would impose an air and arms embargo and diplomatic sanctions on Lihya for its alleged role in the 1988 bombing of a Pan American World Airways jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland. The explosion killed 270 people in the plane and on the ground

[France warned its nationals on Thursday to leave Libya before air links were cut. Reuters reported from Paris.

[A Foreign Ministry statement did not go as far as Washington's recommendation to Americans, but a ministry spokesman said it was implicit advice to the few bundred French people in Libya to leave. Britain bas also advised its nationals to leave Libya.]

An order by former President Ronald Reagan calling on U.S. citizens to stay out of Libya has been in effect since 1981. But the State Department spokesman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said Thursday that an estimated 500 to 1,000 Americans remain and the department was advising them that they could avoid potential hardships by leaving as soon as possible.

The 1981 order was part of a

series of measures taken by the Reagan administration against Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan leader, for what the United States said was Libya's support of international terrorism. But many Americans — mostly oil workers unable to find jobs in the United States and reluctant to give up the premium wages paid by the Libyan oil industry — remained.

The United States and its allies

failed in an earlier attempt to get a majority of the Security Council to vote for sanctions. But on Jan. 21. the council approved a resolution calling on Libya to provide a "full and effective" response to demands for the surrender of two Libyan agents indicted in the United States and Britain on charges of planting the bomb aboard the Pan Am jet.

# What Election? Britons Seize on Latest Royal Rift

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

LONDON - The political future of Britain may be hanging in the balance, the Conservative government lagging in the polls and a general election looming three weeks away, but what the country wanted to know Thursday was only this: Were the Duke and Duchess of York breaking

After two days of feverish headlines such as "Andrew and Fergie to Part," which bumped the campaign off the front pages of all the tabloid newspapers, Buckingham Palace finally announced Thursday that attorneys for the duchess, the former Sarah Ferguson, had moved for a formal separation from the duke, Prince Andrew, the middle son of Queen Elizabeth II.

"Just when Labor has a five-point lead in the polls," fumed Patricia Ramsay, one of the advisers to the leader of the opposition Labor Party, Neil Kinnock. She was referring to two of many polls that have given confusing signals lately about whether Labor or Prime Minister John Major's Conservatives would win the election on April 9.

One reason for confusion in the polls could be that many voters just haven't had their minds on the election at all since late Tuesday night, when the Daily Mail revealed that Buckingham Palace was "preparing to announce the separation of Prince Andrew and the Duchess of York."

Palace did make an announce-

ment: "In view of media specula-

tion which is especially undesir-

rized the following statement to

the Duchess of York initiated discussions about a formal separa-On Thursday, Buckingham tion for the duke and duchess. These discussions are not yet complete and nothing more will able during a general election be said until they are. The queen campaign, the queen has autho- hopes that the media will spare days, the estate has been belea-

The Duchess of York and her daughter Princess Beatrice returning home to Sunninghill Park on Thursday. the Duke and Duehess of York and their children any intrusion." There seemed little chance of

that. News organizations had already reported that the couple were living at opposite ends of their 50-room estate, Sunninghill Park in Berkshire, not far from Windsor Castle. For the past few

Paul Reynolds, the BBC's diplomatic correspondent, reported that at a briefing at Buckingham Palace, officials had asserted that the duchess had employed a pub-lic relations firm to leak the oews

vision representatives that the duke has had to ask reporters to move their cars off the array. move their cars off the grass.

But there was an underlying serious side to the affair. With every marriage in Queen Eliza-beth's immediate family, except

her own to the Duke of Edin-See SPLIT, Page 6

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# Refugees Crowd Germans Close to Home - at Beer-Fest Site By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

MUNICH — An open field on the edge of Munich where the Oktoberfest is held each year has been turned into a temporary village for foreign asylum-seekers and is now a symbol of the intense national debate over how Germany should deal with

its rising refugee population.

The field, called Theresa's Meadow, has been hallowed ground for Bavarians for more than 150

Hordes of beer drinkers converge here each year for the Oktoberfest, a two-week orgy of drinking, partying and reveling in all things German. But for the last two months, it has been home to several hundred refugees.

"In December we were getting 100 per week, and now it's up to 250," Mayor Georg Kronawitter of Munich said in a recent interview. "We have 6,800 asylum-seekers in Mumch, and the number is increasing by 1,000 per month. This can't go on. We

"Munich is a social flash point," Mr. Kronawitter said. "We have 10,000 local people who can't afford places to live, and we're taking care of 7,000 refugees from the Yugoslavia war. Rents are very high, and the demand for apartments is intense. Every hole is

Ukraine Denies

Reversal on

Nuclear Arms

The Associated Press

nian official denied Thursday

that President Leonid M.

Kravchuk had reconsidered a

decision to halt the transfer of

the short-range, battlefield nu-

clear weapons to Russia for

dismantling as planned. Mr. Yeltsin said be had talked to

Mr. Kravchuk by telephone on

Monday.

But Mr. Kravchuk's press secretary. Vladimir Shlya-

poshnikov, said Thursday that

no telephone conversation had

taken place between the lead-

ers. "It is disinformation," he

said. He added that Mr. Krav-

chuk's decision "to place a

temporary ban on the with-drawal of taetical onclear

weapons from the territory of

Ukraine agreed in Decem-ber to allow the withdrawal of

the tactical warheads on its

territory, estimated by West-

ern experts to oumber about

4,100. But on March 12, Mr.

Kravchuk announced that he

had suspended the removal of

tactical ouclear weapons to

Russia, because he could not be certain they would be dis-

mantled and because they

might "fall into the wrong

**ETA Suspected** 

As Bombings Kill

2 Near Barcelona

The Associated Press
BARCELONA — Car bombs

believed to be the work of Basque

separatists killed a police officer

and a civilian in towns near Barco-

lona, site of the Summer Olympics, officials said Thursday.

ETA, a Basque acronym for Basque Homeland and Liberty,

seeks independence for the three-

province Spanish Basque country and has threatened to disrupt both

the Olympics and Seville's Expo

A bomb killed a civil guardsman

in the town of Llica d'Amunt, 32

kilometers (20 miles) north of Bar-

celona, the police said. The officer

Ukraine remains intact."

KIEV, Ukraine - A Ukrai-

Like many other German cities, Munich has reached what local politicians say is a breaking

point. Pressure on the German government is growing steadily, and the asylum question has begun to dominate the nation's political agenda.

Mr. Kronawitter's recent appeals for a new German policy toward refugees represent a break with leaders of his left-leaning Social Democratic Party, which officially opposes any such changes. But several prominent Social Democrats have railed to his

Conservative politicians, including Chancellor Helmut Kohl, have long been urging that Germany's constitution be revised to tighten restrictions on immigration. The Bavarian premier, Max Streibl, said recently

that Germany was becoming a haven for "economic parasites" from around the world, and blamed "soialist ideologues" in the German government for blocking new laws to restrict them. Germany now attracts 60 percent of all asylum-

seekers coming to Western Europe. More than 250,000 arrived last year, and the government spent \$2.5 billion to feed, clothe, house and care for them. The largest groups came from Yugoslavia, Romania and Turkey, but others were fleeing lands as diverse as Cuba, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Iran and the

former Soviet Union. Their numbers are continuing to rise, and at the current rate, at least 350,000 will arrive this year. "The problem is becoming so great that the politi-cians are going to have to do something," said Herbert Dietz, a Munich social worker who helps supervise refugees. "We haven't had much violence against foreigners in Bavaria yet, but there have been terrible attacks in other parts of Germany. It's only a matter of time until we have an incident, and then it could spiral out of control within 24 hours."

Germany's constitution guarantees anyone who is a victim of political persecution the right to asylum. Arriving refugees know that, and when they present themselves at border posts, they declare themselves to be victims of oppression in their homelands. Immigration officers are then required to admit them.

It takes months or years for judges to determine the validity of each asylum claim. In that time, the refugees are entitled to aid that in most cases allows them to live far better than they could at home. Under existing law, it is virtually impossible for any foreigner who is not politically persecuted to

obtain permission to live in Germany. Foreigners who come here simply because they want to start better lives have no hope of being allowed to stay. A growing oumber of politicians, including Mr. Kronawitter, favor establishing a quota system under which a limited oumber of economic refusees would be admitted to Germany each year. Under such a system, they say, refugees would no longer be forced to assert that they were politically persecuted.

Mr. Kohl and his Christian Democratic Union

thus far have stremuously resisted those suggestions. They are seeking a crackdown on all asylum-seekers, with quick resolution of their claims and expulsion of those who cannot prove that they are victims of repression. But given the intense poverty of many Third World countries and the continuing convulsions in Eastern Europe, it is doubtful that any legal measures will stop the flow of refugees into Germany.

"Simply changing our laws is not going to have much effect," Heribert Prantl, a commentator, wrote in the Munich daily Suddeutsche Zeitung. "People have to understand that the movement of refugees cannot be stopped by pushing a button. It is shameful for political parties to raise such hopes."

In recent weeks, the German press has been publishing accounts of asylum-seekers who have been found cheating the system by applying for aid in more than one city.

Authorities in several cities have recently issued calls for all registered asylum-seekers to appear in person on a single day so their identities can be checked, and have found that from 3 percent to 25 percent of those registered fail to appear.

The word has gotten around that Germany is the place to go," Mr. Dietz said. "Everyone recognizes that 80 to 90 percent of the refugees who come here are not really fleeing from persecution. The question is how to determine which ones are telling the truth, and then deciding what to do with the others.

"One thing is sure. The ones living at Theresa's Meadow have to be gone within a few months, because the Oktoberfest must go on."

telephone interview.

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# WORLD BRIEFS

## UN Vows Rights Vigil in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) — The United Nations will set up a human rights monitoring body in Cambodia and will punish violators, a UN

Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia official said Thursday. said that under the peace accord he had the power to remove from office officials of the Phnom Penh government or the guerrilla factions who

abused human rights. "Preventing and punishing attacks on individuals which may have been politically motivated will be an important priority," Mr. Akashi said. The Vietnam-installed Plmom Penh government and the guerrille factions fighting to overthrow it signed the peace accord in October ending 13 years of civil war.

## Conference Readies Spy-Flight Pact

VIENNA (AP) — The 48 members of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe have reached agreement on a treaty allowing spy flights over three continents, diplomats said Thursday. The so-called Open Skies treaty is the first arms control agreement that

will cover North America, Europe and the Asian part of the former Soviet Union. Previous arms control treaties under the conference's auspices. included Soviet territory only up to the Ural Mountains. The treaty, negotiated by the countries of the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization and the former Warsaw Pact, will be signed by all conference members at a meeting of foreign ministers next week in Helsinki. It will take effect in 1993. The most significant breakthrough in negotiations came in November, when the Soviet Union said it was ready to allow spy flights over its entire territory.

#### Scant Headway on Korea Inspections SEOUL (Reuters) - North and South Korea agreed Thursday on the inauguration of a joint nuclear control committee but made little head-

way on the issue of mutual inspection of nuclear sites.
"The two sides failed to make any progress today," a South Korean spokesman said at the end of a two-hour session at Panminjom on the border. The new committee, formed to work out a specific inspection plan, will meet again. April 1, he said. He added that the two adds would have to narrow many differences over procedural details for inspections. On Saturday, North and South reached a breakthrough agreement calling for mutual inspection of their nuclear plants within about three months, but officials in Seoul still fear that North Korea is stalling on inspection while it either completes development of weapons or hides unacceptable facilities Defense Minister Talans Yundzis said in a

#### 35 Die as Avalanche Hits Brazil Slum The withdrawal of tens of soldiers resembles a theatrical performance more than a military action," he said.

CONTAGEM, Brazil (Renters) — At least 35 people were killed, most elderly women and children, and more than 60 were injured when an avalanche of mud and sand tore through a shantytown in the capital of

The death toll in the disaster in Belo Horizonte, an industrial city about 335 kilometers (210 miles) north of Rio de Janeiro, could reach more than 100, civil defense workers said. A police commander said it could take up

#### Latvia, which gained independence from the former Soviet Union following the failed hard-line coup in August, has demanded that Russia withdraw the 48,000 former Soviet

to 30 days to clear the debris.

Zimbabwe Approves Farm Seizures HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - Legislators on Thursday unanimously

approved a law empowering the government to seize white-owned farm-land with little compensation and no right of appeal.

The law, which was passed despite warnings that it could cripple the In Moscow, Interfax news agency reporteconomy, is aimed at redistributing land among the black majority and at reviving support for President Robert Mugabe. But it has soured relations between him and the white minority.

The bill will enable the government to settle 1 million blacks on whiteowned farms. Critics say it will also transform productive commercial farms into subsistence smallholdings and could turn Zimbabwe from a

#### truce to give him time to try to get the warring parties to the negotiating table. "I am confident because all of them gave us some kind of promise," he said. "We do Ukraine's tactical ocelear weapons to Russia by July. our best. We will see what happens." According to the Interfax and Itar-Tass news agencies, President Boris N. Yeltsin of Mr. Vaezi spoke before flying to the Azer-baijani town of Gyandzha. He said he would Russia said Wednesday that travel to Nagorno-Karabakh on Friday to Mr. Kravchuk had reversed course and was transferring

By Don Phillips

ington Past Service

WASHINGTON - The Na-

tional Transportation Safety

Board, in a rare reversal, has ab-

solved United Airlines of blame in

the harrowing loss of a Boeing 747

a gaping hole in the side of United Flight 811 on Feb. 24, 1989, as it climbed between 22,000 and 23,000

feet (6,700 and 7,000 meters) after

taking off from Hooolulo for

Auckland, New Zealand. The flight

crew, which reported a thump and

then an explosive decompression, returned the plane to Honoluln for

The safety board recommended

that the Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration order electrical power re-

moved from all airliner cargo doors

after they are locked "to prevent the possibility of electrical short

circuits from causing the doors to open uncommanded."

The board based its reversal on

new evidence from the cargo door,

which was recovered from the ocean floor in 1990 by the navy.

an emergency landing.

meet both sides in the conflict. The United Nations special envoy, Cyrus R. Vance, is also in the area, on a fact-finding mission. He flew to Gyandzha from Yerevan

on Thursday to travel into Nagorno-Karabakh by road on Friday.

More than 1,500 people have been killed in four years of fighting between Armenians and Azerbaijanis over Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous enclave populated mostly by Armenians but administered by Azerbaijan.

Domestic and international efforts to halt

United Is Absolved

In '89 Door Mishap

and said the incident probably was caused by an electrical malfuncthe cargo-door locking mechanism and to improper maintenance and

cease-fires have passed without effect. The latest cease-fire was announced as the

mmonwealth of Independent States prepared for a summit meeting in Kiev seen as crucial to the survival of the 11-member

The conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh has become a symbol of the powerlessness of the Commonwealth since it replaced the Soviet Ukraine, said he could not explain "wby the CIS does nothing when blood is flowing.

barded overnight with Grad rockets fired by

In Yerevan, the government said power supplies would be switched off for 12 hours Commonwealth defense ministers in Kiev

integrity" and was unacceptable under inter-

Hans Modrow listening as legislators voted on his immunity.

**Bonn Votes Not to Shield** 

**Ex-East German Official** 

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche

BONN - German lawmakers stripped the former East Germa-

ny's last Communist prime minister of parliamentary immunity on

I hursday to allow prosecutors to pursue charges that he helped rig a

Hans Modrow, 64, is accused of having falsified the results of municipal elections in Dresden in May 1989, when he was regional

The Dresden mayor at the time, Wolfgang Berghofer, received a

one-year suspended sentence in February after his conviction on similar charges.

The vote-rigging provoked widespread outrage, helping to bolster the country's growing opposition movement, which led to the opening of the Berlin Wall in November 1989.

Mr. Modrow was Dresden regional party boss from 1973 to 1989

and took over as prime minister in a Communist-led transition

In another development Thursday, Eastern Germany's poorest state, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, chose a new premier in an effort to shore up the fortunes of the Christian Democratic Union of

The state parliament picked Berndt Seite to succeed Alfred Gomolka, who resigned Monday after the local hranch of the Christian Democrats voted him out for his handling of the privatiza-

Mr. Seite told legislators after the vote that he would tackle the state's economic problems caused by the decline of shipbuilding and

**Kaunda Son Wins Appeal** 

Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

tion of the state's shipyards.

former President Kenneth Kaunda

walked out of court a free man

Thursday after winning an appeal

against a death sentence for mur-

Kambarage Kaunda, 27, who

had been waiting on death row in a

Lusaka prison since September,

wept as he left the Supreme Court

Mr. Modrow testified at Mr. Berghofer's trial and admitted the

Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia released seven of the nearly four dozen members of Georgia's National Guard whom they had been hold-

· France urged its partners in the Europe-

an Community to quickly recognize the re-public of Georgia as an independent state,

and Germany said it wanted the Community

to recognize Georgia by early next week so

the republic could join a conference on Euro-

ed that forces loyal to former President

But their host, Pakistan, welcomed Major General Najibullah's offer, saying it was a positive step

conference.

ued to take its toll.

ment forces. There was no indepen-

the transition period." The fragile peace plan, which

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of his governing Homeland Party because of his fearsome reputation as the former secret police head. The Associated Press fatally shooting a young woman in LUSAKA, Zambia — A son of a poor Lusaka suburb after his car Hard-liners among the mujahidin reject the UN peace plan for

Afghanistan as a conspiracy to deprive them of power, and on Thursday several of the groups said Gen-eral Najibullah should resign at

control over the situation," the hard-line guerrilla leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said.

# TRAVEL UPDATE

#### U.S. May Bar Links to N.Y. Airports NEW YORK (NYT) - The Federal Aviation Administration is

threatening to block plans to build mass-transit links to the New York metropolitan area's three main airports unless the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey abandon efforts to strengthen jet-noise restrictions

For months, the aviation agency, in an effort to protect the airlines from having to scrap or refurbish older, noisier aircraft, has been trying to discourage the Port Authority from taking a tougher stand on noise at the airports than the agency demands. Under the Port Authority's rules, airlines would have to cut down on the actual number of noisy planes at the region's airports. In linking the mass-transit plan to the noise-control

dispute, the aviation agency is hoping to bolster its position.

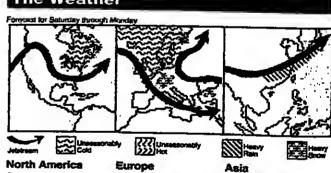
At stake for the authority is a \$2 billion plan to build a network of xdv. La Guardia and Newark airports. Planner have long sought the links to relieve automobile congestion, a critical a

component of the airports' economic viability. "Passports" for cats and dogs for travel within the European Commu-nity would be allowed under a law being drafted by the EC Commission. Britain's anti-rabies quarantine laws would have to be scrapped under the proposal, a commission official said Thursday. A traveler would be able to take a pet throughout the Community if the animal had a "passport" certifying it as healthy and vaccinated against rabies.

(Reuters)

Lines of trucks in Northern Spain up to 7 kilometers (4.5 miles) long formed Thursday because of a strike by French customs officials. Buses

and private cars were allowed to cross at Behovia and Santiago, but the Biriatou crossing was blocked.



Cold. unsettled weather will prevail across the northern half of Europe the weekend and early next week. Heavy snow will blanket the Alpa. as well as southern Germany. London to Parts will be windy and cold with a few rain and snow showers.

A cold rain will chill Tokyo early Sazurday. Sunday will be dry. Dry weather should hold shrough Sunday in Secul. Clouds may persist in Taipei and Hong Kong. Amy rain will be infrequent. Hot tropical sunshine will bake Singapore, Manifa and Bangkok.

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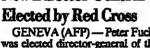
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number of confirmed or suspected

ETA victims this year.

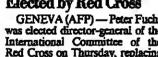
#### **New Director-General Elected by Red Cross**

GENEVA (AFP) - Peter Fuchs

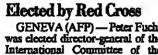


was elected director-general of the

deputy director of operations from 1988 to 1990. He was then in charge of ad-hoc missions and head of its operations cell set up to deal with



Mr. Fuchs has been with the Red Cross for 10 years, and was its



International Committee of the Red Cross on Thursday, replacing Guy Deluz who recently resigned

its activities during the Gulf crisis.

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#### Armenia and Azerbaijan Agree to a 7-Day Truce the conflict between the two former Soviet ing draft decisions on a long list of problems the Larvian defense minister called the pull republics have so far failed, and several including the future of nuclear and conven-YEREVAN, Armenia - Azerbaijan and An anti-aircraft radar company of 49 sol-Armenia have agreed to a one-week cease-fire in Nagorno-Karabakh from midday Fridiers stationed in the village of Salasgrive, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Riga, was the first military unit to start pulling out. Ukrainian officials said the one-day meet-

day, Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmond Vaezi of Iran said Thursday.

The Iranian mediator said he had won agreement from all sides to the seven-day Union in December. The host of the summit meeting, President Leonid M. Kravchuk of

More fighting was reported in the enclave on Thursday. The Yerevan-based Karabakh committee said that Stepanakert was bom-Azerbaijan forces in the town of Shusha to

each day because a blockade by Azerbaijan had shut off supply lines. sought a compromise over other divisive mil-

It also said an unrelated ground

incident involving a cargo door on a United 747 in New York on June

13, 1991, revealed possible electri-

cal problems in the cargo-door

In its original report, on April 16,

1990, the board attributed the inci-

inspection of the cargo door by

It said Bocing and the Federal Aviation Administration had failed

to take "timely" action to correct

the deficiency after a similar prob-

lem was found on a Pan Am 747 in

On Wednesday, the board re-oewed its criticism of Boeing and

the aviation agency, but it said

United was not to blame. The

board criticized United's proce-

dures in maintaining and inspect-ing 747 cargo doors, but said those problems had nothing to do with

The board said the recovered

cargo door -a huge piece of metal

that usually is moved by electrical power — showed that United per-

sonnel had properly locked the door before takeoff.

that a short circuit almost immedi-

ately caused the locking device -

the "latch cams" — to turn, bend-ing safety devices called "lock sec-

tors" that cover the locking device

to prevent just such a problem. As a

result, the plane took off with the

safety devices distorted and the

Boeing has developed stronger

lock sectors, and the aviation agen-

cy has ordered them installed on

747s, but the board said they

should have acted faster after the

The acting board chairman, Su-san Conghlin, said she would oot

apologize for the board's decision

to move ahead with its April 1990

report despite requests from Unit-ed and Boeing to wait until the

cargo door was found. She said the

board's findings at that time led to the strengthened locking mecha-nism now being used.

"I think the integrity of our pro-

cess was strengthened by having

the door and concluding that our

original findings were not correct,"

Now, before each 747 flight, United sends a mechanic into the

cargo hold through a door in the

floor of the passenger compart-ment to make sure the cargo doors

are locked properly and to pull car-go-door circuit breakers, cutting off electricity to the locking mecha-

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But the board said it was likely

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In other developments Thursday: President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia appealed to the parliament of Tatarstan to cancel a weekend independence referendum,

But the chairman of the Tatarstan parliament, in an address to the Russian legislature, said the vote was intended only to strengthen Tatarstan's sovereignty and would not lead to secession.

ing would have a packed draft agenda of 34 items, making it virtually impossible to reach agreement on all of them.

warning it could tear Russia apart and lead to ethnic hatred.

The oil-rich Volga River region is to vote Saturday on whether it should be indepen-

Mr. Yeltsin accused Tatarstan of trying to leave the Russian Republic, a move that he said would infringe on Russia's "territorial

itary issues ahead of Friday's summit meeting. Military sources said they were preparfrom the Baltic nation of Latvia began, but ing hostage.

# Najibullah's

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ghan guerrilla groups on Thursday dismissed President Najibullah's offer to step down as inadequate and announced that they had taken

a major oorthern town.

any interim government that emerges from UN-sponsored talks. The United Nations has yet to announce a date or venue for a peace

broadcast on Afghan radio and television, marked a breakthrough in a rapidly developing effort by the United Nations to end more than 13 years of war between Afghanistan's Soviet-installed gov-ernment and Islamic rebel groups.

guerrilla group, Burhanuddin Rab-bani, said the town of Mazar-i-Sharif had fallen to the mujahidin. He said at a news conference the guerrillas were still facing "a few pockets of resistance" from govern-

istan's main highway to the former Soviet Union.
General Najibullah had pledged to support the UN peace plan, but the statement Wednesday night was his first public commitment to

needs to be approved by bitterly antagonistic rebel groups, hinges in part on General Najibuliah's will-ingness to give up his office. The plan calls for a cease-fire, two stages of peace negotiations and a neutral transitional government to

resign because he is quickly losing

# Rebels Spurn Offer to Quit

In a speech Wednesday night, General Najibullah said he was ready to hand over all authority to

The presideot's statement.

The leader of the Islamic Society

"I agree," the president said, "that once an understanding is reached through the United Nations process for the establishment of an interim government in Kabul, all powers and executive authority will be transferred to the interim government as of the first day of

ISLAMABAD - Hard-line Af-

Afghan civil war.

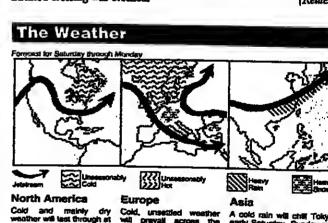
But on Thursday, the war contin-

dent confirmation of the report.

Mazar-i-Sharif is the capital of
Balkh Province and lies on Afghan-

The president's resignation has been demanded not only by the Muslim rebels, known as the mujahidin, but also by many members

"Najibullah has no option but to



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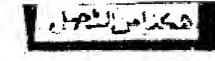
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#### House Post Office Target of Inquiry

WASHINGTON -The head of the U.S. House of Representatives Post Office resigned Thursday fol-lowing reports of illegal activities at

he institution. Pustmaster Rohert V. Ruta made no mention of troubles at the post office in a written statement nn his resignation. Three former clerks recently pleaded guilty to embezzlement. A fourth is awaiting

The Washington Times reported Thursday that congressional and law enforcement investigators had found that House members cashed personal checks and thousands of dollars in campaign checks at the facility, which operates under contract to the U.S. Postal Service.

# After Buenos Aires, **U.S. Fears More Terrorist Attacks**

By Don Oberdorfer Since then, a number of threats against Americans have been un-Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — U.S. officovered before coming to fruition, according to one official. But State Department officials said that the United States had no the claim that a radical Lebanese group was behind Tuesday's bomb attack on the Israeli Embassy in advance warning of the Buenos

about further attacks.

taken at face value.

The statement said the bombing

was in retaliation for a Feb. 16 helicopter gunship attack by Israel that killed Sheikh Abbas Musawi.

secretary-general of Hezbollah, a fundamentalist Shiite Muslim

group; his wife; their son, 6, and five bodyguards. After that attack, a statement

issued by a previously unknown group in Lebanon called on Mus-

lims to "strike at Israeli and Ameri-

[Argentine immigration officials on Thursday tightened security at

border eheckpoints to capture

those involved in the bombing,

Reuters reported from Bnenos

[Immigration officials closely

screened travelers, and the govern-

ment sought assistance from U.S.

and Israeli intelligences agencies.
[At least 11 Israelis and 10 Argentines were killed in Tuesday's blast, and perhaps half a dozen more lay crushed below tons of

debris, investigators told The Asso-

death, criticized Israel for using

U.S. military equipment in helicop-

On Feb. 19, the State Depart-

ment issued a public warning that the killing of Sheikh Musawi had

"increased the security risk to

Americans traveling or residing in Europe, Africa and the Middle

East." At the same time, a message

urging heightened vigilance was

sent to U.S. diplomatic missions

worldwide, according to State De-

A second message calling for a

higher degree of alert was sent to

U.S. posts considered most likely

to be targeted, officials said, but

these did oot include any in Buenos

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Bucnos Aires and are concerned Aires hlast. The U.S. Embassy in the Argentine capital is "taking appropriate measures," a State Department of While making no final judg-ments about who planned or exe-cuted the blast, officials said the ficial said. claim of responsibility by Islamic Jihad issued in Beirut was being

On March 7, the Israeli Embassy security chief in Ankara was killed in a car bomb attack for which responsibility was taken by Islamic

Officials bere nated that Wednesday's statement claiming responsibility for the Buenos Aires bombing was couched in language similar to that used to announce other terrorist actions, and that it applauded "our brethren strugglers in Turkey who are lighting the Zionist enemy."



SUSPENDED SESSION IN HAITI - A senator leaving a parliamentary session in Port-an-Prince on Wednesday after legislators staged a walkout to oppose an accord reinstating the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president. The walkout, which stripped the session of a quorum, torpedoed ratification of the accord. Another session to consider the pact might be held later.

# Irate Illinois Voters Shake a Nation of Incumbents

By Edward Walsh

Washington Past Service
CHICAGO -- The political carthquake that struck Illinois has sent shock waves across the country, a warning to officeholders on the state and federal levels that a restive and at times angry electorate is in nn mood to grant the kind of routine re-election that many incumbents have enjoyed in the

killing, the Bush administration ex-"This is a very mean and unforpressed concern about "the rising giving climate for incumbents," cycle of violence" and, without spe-cific reference to the Shiite leader's said Geoffrey Garin, the pollster for Senator Alan J. Dixon, the most prominent victim of the political carnage in the Illinois Democratie primary on Tuesday.

Others argued that the results here involved much more than simple anti-incumbency. They noted that veteran politicians, such as the Democratic chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Dan Rostenkowski, wbo campaigned hard and emphasized their local roots and work for constituents, survived serious challenges.

But there was widespread agreement that Mr. Dixon's defeat and that of the Democratic representatives Charles A. Haves and Gus Savage were irrefutable evidence of the voters' volatile mood.

In Washington, more than a little uneasiness was felt among Republicans as well as Democrats.

"It's no more business as usual, no more status quo," said Les ty, according to U.S. sources. If the Francis, executive director of the more credibility today than it did attack on the Israeli Embassy Democratic Congressional Camproves to have been caused by a paign Committee, which raises money for House candidates.

lamic lihad, it would be a particularly worrisome development, the publican whip, who is from Wyo-chairman of the National Republi-

ming, said the results were a "jolt for incumbents" that had a "chill-

ing effect." By far the most stunning result was Mr. Dixon's loss to Carol Moseley Braun, 44, the Cook County recorder of deeds, who is seeking to become the first black woman

elected to the Senate, Having entered what looked like hopeless race after Mr. Dixon voted to confirm the Supreme Court comination of Clarence Thomas, she won overwhelming hlack support and more than 40 percent of the women's vnte. She also carried conservative suburban areas around Chicago.

Mr. Dixnn also may have been hurt by the House check-writing scandal, with voters making no distinction between House and Senate members in viewing Congress with contempt.

"It hurt Dixon as much as anything," said an Illinois pollster, J. Michael McKeon.

The end of Mr. Dixon's 43-year political career cheered Illinois Republicans, who said the elimination of the moderate Democrat known here as "Al the Pal" by a bberal black woman vastly increased the chances that the Republican candidate, Richard Williamson, would capture the Senate seat in Novem-

The notion that Republicans could oow gain several Senate seats, and possibly even challenge the Democrats for control, "has yesterday," said Senator Charles S. Robb, chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

# The Hezbollah organization, which has been backed and inspired by Iran, is believed to have TSONGAS: Campaign Halted

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the vice presidential nomination, saying his economie program, The Feb. 19 State Department which rejects tax cuts for the middle class, is incompatible with Mr. Clinton's approach to the econo-

Mr. Tsongas had dismissed mid-die-class tax cuts as "Twinkie ecoly that terrorist events may occur

#### PARTY: It's Vets vs. Class of '68

tired People, now the most power-ful lobby in the United States. to say they know nothing of things that happened before their time? So, on to the main event. The old man, Mr. Bush, has the great power of incumbency and the Where else does the nation's leader come to his office the first

day to find that every single senior employee and every single piece of paper has been removed from his offices in the White House? The World War II guys have fantryman, said the other day that dominated the country for so long partly because there were so many under any circumstances because partly because there were so many of them and partly because they were about the only Americans with a long-term, all-encompassing with a long-term, all-encompassing the could be enough. But Mr.

That could be enough. But Mr. Clinton or someone like him will shared experience — the war effort emerge as John Kennedy did in They actually have a history. The rest, including Mr. Clinton, often have to get by with what amounts to a shared culture — music, mov-1960 - Mr. Kennedy's first slogan was "The New Generation Offers a Leader" — as the representative of a force whose time has come. Some ies, heroes, most of all the televiideas whose time has come, too. sion we all saw and see again as

One of the fundamental differences that will come out during the general election campaign will be a generation gap on foreign and se-carity policy. To Mr. Bush it is driven by the diplomatic-military complex; to Mr. Clinton it is economics-driven

alone. Then they inherited Social Security from God before He created the American Association of Re"the last blacksmith," as if he were

nomics" and had told voters, "I'm not Santa Claus."

Mr. Clinton's task is to assume a more presidential demeanor, close party ranks, open a more direct attack on the policies of Mr. Bush and the Republicans and directly address the character issues that deeply concern about one-fifth of the American electorate, according to William Schneider, a public opinion and political analyst with

the American Enterprise Institute. The Arkansas governor could, for example, craft a major speech to war veterans explaining why he sought to delay — some say evade — entry into military conscription during the Vietnam War, Mr. Schneider said.

He still faces major primaries in New York on April 7 and in California on June 2.

Many analysts believe that Mr. Brown will take on the role of fringe agitator, just as Patrick J. Buchanan did in the Republican primary elections. A few see the Californian as a major thorn for Mr. Clinton, especially if he moder-ates his protest rhetoric and addresses economic issues. Mr. Brown has lashed out at what he calls a "corrupt" political system in Washington dominated by lobby-

ists and big campaign contributors. Hardly any political abservers, however, see how Mr. Brown can gain more delegates for the party nomination than Mr. Clinton. The Arkansas governor has 947 of the 2,145 delegates needed. Mr. Brown has 129.

"Jerry Brown is now the ano-Clinton, just as he was the anti-Carter in 1976," Mr. Schneider

Mr. Brown said that he and Mr. the last survivor of some misty age.

The young ones know they will win, in 1992 or 1996, with Mr. Clinton or without. The war is almost over.

Clinton would now "battle for the soul of the Democratic Party" and that he would stay in the race to the July convendon in New York. Clinton would now "battle for the

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1-800-882 2884 (IN NEW YORK, CALL 212-752-3890) can Senatorial Committee, agreed. If there is a general anti-incumbent mood, he said, Democrats are going to he hurt more because they have more incumbents as candi-

"It's a little bit to our advantage," he said.

In one of the races in which redistricting forced Democratic inbents of both parties were at risk. cumbents to run against each other,

Axelrod, said: "Even in the incumbent-versus-incumbent races, the incumbent who looked less like a Washington politician won."
He added, "I think there is some-

thing going on there."
In one of the races in which re-

pinski, whn has been described as a sort of elevated Chicago alderman in Congress for his devotion to tative Marty Russo, who has a leadership role in the House and a high profile in the debate over national hringing public works projects to

Representative William O. Li-

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maker's fleet.

'Cash for Clunkers' By Robert D. Hershey Jr. sures involving truck and rail trans portation and ocean shipping, the bulk of attention centered on the

cash-for-clunkers program to get

the vehicles that pollute the most

**Pollution Solution:** 

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Pressing its

drive to cut the cost of complying with government regulation, the

Bush administration has an-

nounced a series of initiatives in the

transportation sector that includes a "cash for clunkers" program, un-

der which states and companies

can meet sederal clean-air require-

ments by buying and scrapping the nld vehicles that generate the most

The buy-up program far old cars, to be left largely to market forces under guidelines to be estab-

lished by the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency, could begin within

But the administration pulled back from a plan to relax fuel-efficiency standards for cars burn-

ing cleaner fuels, a fiercely debated

issue. Many environmentalists seek

to make the current standard of

27.5 miles a gallon (8.5 liters per 100 kilometers) even tougher. The

standard is a minimum for the av-

erage fuel economy of each auto

Officials said that this initiative

was postponed on technical

grounds, but there were also indica-

tions of a strenuous internal argu-

ment about the wisdom of reducing

the standard, which would report-

edly fall to an average of 26.5 miles

In general, American automak-

ers oppose the standards, which

they say force them to skew pro-

pollution

off the road. Under the government program a power plant or other "stationary source" could buy the right to continue polluting by reducing pollution from vehicles.

As sketched out at a White House briefing, the cash-for-clunkers program would be run by indi-vidual states, cities and companies with the aid of federally provided data on the pollntion ar characteristics of each kind of car. The main target is the 4 million pre-1971 cars still on the road, hat officials said many cars from the 1980s would also likely be bid for.

#### 2 Executed Hostages Are Honored by Bush

WASHINGTON - President George Bush has posthumously awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal in William Buckley and Lieutenant Colnnel William R. Higgins, who died in capivity in

Mr. Bush presented the medals tn families of the two men at a private White House ceremony on Wednesday. Mr. Buckley was the CIA station chief in Lebanon when

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# An Overwhelming 'Yes'

#### Time to Help Pretoria

President Frederik de Klerk's incredible gamble has paid off. And a lost white tribe has voted to rejoin the human race.

On Tuesday, South Africa's ruling whites were asked whether they would be willing to relinquish their monopoly on political power. Their answer: a resounding yes. De-cency and realism not only prevailed but triumphed. In an 85 percent turnout, whites voted more than 2 to I in favor of shaping a new constitution that finally would enfranchise blacks. Mr. de Klerk's jubilant summary says it all: "Today we have closed the book on apartheid."

Tuesday's referendum was nothing less than a political and social earthquake. Segregation was a way of life long before it was enshrined in law by the ruling National Party in the 1940s. Generations of whites were bred to believe that God had ordained apartheid, that blacks were inferior, that black demands for justice were a Communist plot. Dissenters faced torture, jail and death.

Now white majorities in all but one of 15 districts, encompassing Afrikaners and English-speakers, have reached out to the wretched and despised. Doubtless the world's condemnation played some part in this transformation. But so did Mr. de Klerk's courage - and the lunking knowledge that apartheid was morally repugnant and politically insupportable. Granted, formidable differences remain

on reconciling black majority rule with Mr. de Klerk's insistence on checks and balances to protect minority rights. And little has been done to bridge the economic abyss between impoverished and jobless blacks and the white beneficiaries of apartheid.

Granted, too, that white-led security forces may foment more factional violence in black townships; such violence claimed 300

#### Still a Dounting Task

The referendum question left no room for ambiguity. It asked, "Do you support continuation of the reform process which the state president began on February 2, 1990, and which is aimed at a new constitution through negotiations?" Overwhelmingly and just as unequivocally, white South African voters registered a clear-cut yes. It

was a decision of mammoth proportions. By giving President Frederick de Klerk an unprecedented mandate to negotiate powersharing arrangements with the nation's 30 million disenfranchised blacks, white South Africans rose above the baser calls of the farright apartheid forces. They decisively rejected the summons to restore a white monopoly, and they chose to avoid the racial nightmare and international hostility that decision would have brought.

The voters instead elected - perhaps irreversibly — to stake their future on a new nonracial and reconciled South Africa. "Today we have closed the book on apartheid," said a victorious Mr. de Klerk. Now the way is clear for all South Africans - black and white — to turn to the business of transforming a white-ruled society into a multiracial

lives during the referendum campaign. Ex-tremists, white and black, could yet provoke the bloodbath that each fringe predicts.

Yet risk for risk, the dangers would have been worse had Mr. de Klerk failed to rout die-hard white opponents. Learning from Mikhail Gorbachev's failure to seek a mandate for his reforms, be sought electoral backing for change. The outcome isolates and discredits those who cried betrayal. Mr. de Klerk's hand is strengthened, his stature enhanced. And the same applies to his principal negotiating partner, Nelson Mandela. Initially, and with reason, Mr. Mandela's

African National Congress protested a whites-only referendum that excluded South Africa's majority. Wisely, the ANC later urged whites to vote aye. As a result, South Africa is irrevocably committed to change; the way is open for an interim government in which blacks can share power.

Americans now have a different role to play. President George Bush has lifted sanctions imposed by Congress; yet some loan restrictions remain in place. Local governments and universities still bar investments that could benefit South Africa. It is hard to see what purpose is now served by these punitive measures. Blacks have disproportionately home the burden of disinvent as South Africa's economy has stagnated.

The strongest argument for maintaining sanctions is that South Africa is not yet a nonracial democracy. Yet the process is on track, and white voters have agreed to the dilution of their privileges. In a treacherous time of transition, with blacks rightly clamoring for jobs, punitive investment policies can only abet despair.

To contend that South Africa should have changed long ago is a debating point, not a policy. The remarkable turnabout in South Africa deserves U.S. reciprocation.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

democracy. Getting that done will require the same determination as the decision to dismantle the legal pillars of the apartheid system. But as the American experience

teaches, achieving that end will not be easy. Inevitably, pobtical cooperation and good-faith negotiations between the govern-ment and black leaders will lead to full legal rights and the benefits of citizenship for blacks. And the negotiated end to institutionalized white domination will give a new face to the post-apartheid government. But the new South Africa has a larger, more daunting task of building a democratic order

out of a society with a deeply embedded legacy of racial disparities and inequality. As Americans know all too well, eliminating legally sanctioned racial discrimination root, branch and stem is one thing; overcoming de facto segregation and persistent and pervasive racism of the sort that haunts and corrodes a constitutional democracy is quite another. As the new South Africa grapples with the questions of how to undo apartheid's injustices while shaping a new political economy for the benefit of the people, Americans would do well to bear their own experiences, and their divided nation, in mind.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Lean Harder on Burma

Burma's murderous State Law and Order Restoration Council, known by the sinistersounding acronym SLORC. By heeding urgent pleas from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Bangladesh's prime minister to ratchet up the diplomatic pressure, President George Bush could help recover the human rights of a badly abused people.

Action is proceeding on two fronts. The United Nations plans to dispatch a mission to Burma next month to address the causes of the vast refugee tide now swamping its neighbor Bangladesh. And the Foreign Re-lations Committee demands tough new policy measures as a condition of Senate confirmation of Parker Borg as the U.S. ambassador to Burma.

Washington has already suspended aid programs and imposed trade sanctions. A unanimous Foreign Relations Committee now calls on the administration to end all military contacts and seek a UN arms embargo, reaffirm its support for Burma's elected government, and demand the release of

the Nobel laureate Daw Anng San Suu Kyi. The SLORC long ago alienated Western democracies by its mass killings in the capital. Rangoon, its betrayal of free elections and its military campaigns against a variety of minority groups. But nearby Asian countries winked at these horrors. Worse, Thailand and South Korea helped keep the

At last, the world has lost patience with SLORC affoat with expanded trade while China provided lethal military aid

The SLORC has now alienated much of South and Southeast Asia by its fierce persecution of Muslims in Burma's Arakan region. A wave of murder, rape and other forms of brute force has already driven 150,000 refugees across the Bangladesh border. At present rates, 100,000 more will be added by month's end.

The most direct impact has been on Bandesh, whose prime minister, Khaleda Zia, is appealing to President George Bush for help in coping with the refugees already arrived and U.S. pressure to halt the atrocities in Arakan. The Arakan horrors have also provoked strong criticism from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Meanwhile, border tensions and political changes in Thailand have cooled Bangkok's support for the Burma regime. At the recent Geneva meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission, China, a reliable SLORC supporter, spent most of its diplomatic capital defending its own behavior in Tibet. That left Burma exposed to strong criticism and

closer international monitoring.

Slowly but steadily, the world's outraged conscience is closing in on the SLORC.

President Bush can usefully add to the pressure by heeding the senators' advice and the prime minister's plea.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Other Comment

#### Cause for Celebration

President Frederik de Klerk gambled big. and won big. While the world held its breath, nearly seven out of 10 whites approved his controversial referendum in favor of continued reform. The landslide victory sounded a death knell for apartheid, Most in the tiny white electorate acknowledged there was no palatable alternative to reform and endorsed their presi-

dent's unrelenting push for change. Mr. de Klerk, no longer the right-wing conservative he once was, has embraced reform at a pace that has frightened many

whites, yet frustrated many blacks. Despite the legislative changes, most blacks endure harsh poverty, inferior housing, poor

schools and low-paying or no jobs. While white economic, political and so-cial domination seems to be near an end, the white vote will not immediately erase the buge disparities in the living standards of blacks and whites. But the referendum surely will nurture a climate favorable to equality. That is why this week's election was the most significant in the nation's history. The results are cause for celebration among all freedom-loving people.

— Los Angeles Times.

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## **OPINION**

# South Africa: No Stopping Change Now

BOSTON — A political science theory used to have it that no group holding absolute power in a modern society would ever give it up short of physical overthrow. Thus Jeane Kirkpatrick held that Communist totalitarianism in any

country could not be ended by political means. The theory was shattered as to communism by the Gorbachev years and the fall of the Soviet Union. Now something just as dramatic has hap-pened in South Africa: The whites who had absolute power in that society have voted to give it up.

This was not a mere decision to let a minority have civil rights, as in the American South 25 years ago. It was a decision to let the overwhelm majority, 80 percent of the population, have rights. The result must be power for that majority. How did it happen? Why would a privileged minority — very likely the most privileged in the

world - take such a step? The broad answer is that politics worked: politics both local and international. The "armed struggle" by black resistance groups never made a dent in the power structure. Political pressure and political leadership persuaded whites that

their own best interests lay in peaceful transition

to a democratic South Africa. Economie sanctions were much debated. But no one can really doubt, now, that they were effective in making businessmen and more and more white individuals in South Africa see that apartheid had no prosperity in its future.

Sanctions also produced a sense of isolation that bore heavily on many South Africans. So did

By Anthony Lewis

the international sports boycott, which greatly troubled a sport-loving people.

There was a moral element. Along with international disapproval came increasing religious condemnation of apartheid, finally by the Afrikaners' own Dutch Reformed Church.

All those factors worked over time. But there is no saying when they would have changed the racial system if it had not been for the political daring and courage of Frederik de Klerk. In two and one-half years as president he has transformed the country, opening it up to free politi-cal debate for the first time and negotiating with the black leadership.

Mr. de Klerk's boldest stroke was the calling of a referendum among whites on whether to continue on his path of change. He risked all. With violence rising, and with the economy in a prolonged recession, many observers thought the white public would be frightened of change and would at best give Mr. de Klerk a narrow victory.

But the conservative opposition offered no real alternative, no vision of a workable system of white power. It offered only fantasies of a separate white state or a return to apartheid and

legal tyranny over the hlack majority.

Faced with that choice, most whites understood that nonracial democracy, though a gamble, gave them more hope than a return to racism and isolation. They had a realistic chance, at least, of keeping much of their good life. That was the calculation that led the British upper classes to enlarge the franchise in the 19th century, trading some political power for contin-

ned economic privilege.

The 69 percent "yes" vote for Mr. de Klerk should open the way to early agreement in the negotiations on an interim government of all races. The parties have already agreed on much: votes for all adults, a judicially enforceable bill of rights and an elected body of some kind to write a new constitution.

It would be fatuous to predict an easy transition for Mr. de Klerk and his essential negotiating partner, Nelson Mandela. There are still enormous obstacles to a peaceful, functioning lemocracy in South Africa.

The huge gap between blacks and whites in income, property, education - would stagger any social system. The expectations of younger blacks for quick economic benefits are dangerously high.

And then there is the violence. Growing evidence suggests that much of it has been inspired by Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, to force concessions to him. But there is also evidence that elements in the state security forces have engaged in random violence against blacks, to obstruct change. A big question is whether Mr. de Klerk can and will stop that.
But the change to a new South Africa cannot

now be stopped.

The New York Times.

# The Japanese Superman Is Looking Almost Human

WASHINGTON — We Ameri-cans are so entranced by the Japanese — regarding them either as supermen or demons — that we cannot easily see that they make mistakes, too. Well, they do. The current faltering state of Japan's economy is a case in point. The Tokyo stock market is roughly half its peak reached in late 1989 (38,916 points on the Nikkei index, which closed Thursday at 10 175) I and values are lockering. In 1991, business bankruptcies rose 66 percent. A dread word is being

spoken in Tokyo: recession. And Japan's problems are mostly self-inflicted. An orgy of easy credit and speculation drove the economy into a frenzied boom that is now collapsing. There are fears of a wider financial crisis that would ultimately harm the U.S. and world economies

The grimmest outlook involves a continuing drop of stock and land values, which would undermine Japan's banks and curb the lending needed for recovery. For now, this sort of disaster seems unlikely. Japan's unemployment rate is a mere 2.1 percent. A brief slump will bring no great hardship. The economist Robert Feldman of Salomon Brothers in Tokyo thinks growth will increase gradually and average about 2 percent over the next year.

But whatever happens, the punc-tured boom confounds popular notions of the Japanese: that they are a monotonously productive people who disdain all shortcuts to riches; that their policies are models of prudence and farsightedness.

The imagery is too simple. It will not fit what is now derisively called "the bubble economy": a reference to the hugely inflated stock and land prices of the late 1980s. The period Charles of London Sec.

Government made the biggest blunder. From 1985 to 1989, the Bank of Japan kept interest rates too low. The yen was rising on foreign exchange markets, making Japan's exports more expensive abroad. The idea was to stimulate domestic spending to offset a feared loss of exports. The key dis-count rate dropped to 2.5 percent. Easy credit fueled an explosion of corporate investment in equipment and factories, residential and office construction.

What ensued was a dizzying cycle of spending and speculation. The construction boom inflated real estate values, because land is so scarce in Japan. Higher real estate prices bloated the stock market, because most major companies have buge

By Robert J. Samuelson land holdings. And a soaring stock market helped companies raise capi-

tal to sustain investment spendi From 1985 to 1990, residential land values in major cities rose 167 per-cent. The stock market doubled in the two years before its peak. Economie growth in the late 1980s averaged

nearly 5 persont annually.

As with all speculative booms, no one imagined Japan's boom would ever end. What shut it down was the Bank of Japan's belated recognition that a runaway economy could spawn higher inflation. In late 1989, Yasushi Mieno, the bank's new head, began to raise interest rates sharply. Without easy credit, the speculative machine went into reverse. Land prices, the stock market and corporate investment began to slide. The economy slowed dramatically.

The evidence of excess is everywhere. Many construction projects turned out to be duds. This included the luxurious studios built for workers from outlying areas to live in during the workweek.

As for stock speculation, it was rampant. Many of Japan's bestknown companies committed vast amounts to eigvo tokkin accounts at that could be freely invested in the soaring stock market. It was the disclosure last year that many big com-panies had been guaranteed against losses on these accounts that prompted the resignation of top executives at Nomura Securities, Japan's biggest brokerage house. The head of Daiwa Securities, another brokerage house, ny was involved in a scheme to help a client conceal stock losses.

Finally, some of Japan's banks are clearly overextended. Bad real estate loans and low stock prices have hurt them. Banks' capital is heavily con-centrated in holdings of corporate stocks. As stock prices drop, so does bank capital. This weakens the banks' ability to make new loans.

Alicia Ogawa, an analyst with S. G. Warburg Securities in Tokyo, believes that bank profits could be squeezed for three to five years. But she doubts there will be a major financial crisis. The Japanese banking system, she says, is fundamentally sound. For America, the Japanese slow-

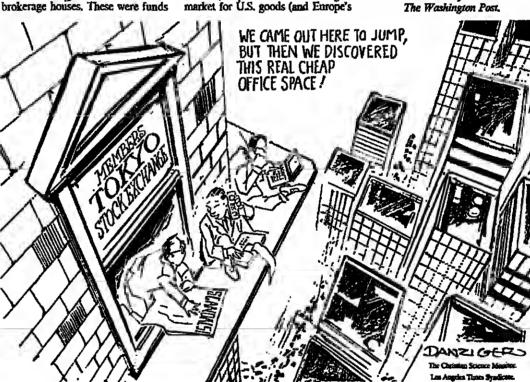
down is a mixed blessing. Even if it is mild, it will hurt. Demand for U.S. exports will suffer. After Europe and Canada, Japan is the third-largest market for U.S. goods (and Europe's

growth is sumbling). Competition from Japanese companies will intensify as they try to offset weak domestic sales by exporting more. But beyond the slowdown's immediate effects, there is a more favorable message.

in the 1980s, Japanese companies acquired an aura of invincibility. They often seemed to have endless amounts of inexpensive capital to finance new plants, research and overseas investment. American and European companies appeared to be at a hopeless disadvantage. What we now know is that the Japanese advantage was largely temporary, the effort of easy credit and high profits from the "bubble economy." Japanese profits are now squeezed. Scarce capital is more expensive, Japanese companies face limits. Less overseas investment may ultimately raise the yen's exchange rate, hurting exports.

Japanese companies will not vanish as fierce competitors. Their strengths lie in high-quality products and tech-nology. They learn from adversity. But the competition is not as lopsided as American mythology holds. Japan's economy is not a miracle machine, and the Japanese are not supermen. They make mistakes, including — like Americans before them — believing in their own infallibility.

The Washington Post.



# China: Freedom Doesn't Always Follow the Market

W ASHINGTON — For the third time since the Beijing massacre of 1989, the Bush administration and Congress are at loggerheads over the

best way to promote democratic change and human rights in China.
On Feh. 25, the Senate passed, 59 to 39, a bill to impose conditions on the renewal of preferential tariff state. tus for China. The House passed the bill earlier by a 409-21 vote. The measure would require the president to certify that Beijing has released political prisoners from China's notorious "gulag" and has made sub-

stantial progress toward protecting the rights of its citizens. But on March 2, President Bush eturned the bill to Congress without his signature, arguing that putting conditions on China's favored trade status "would severely damage the Western-oriented, modernizing elements in China, weaken Hong Kong and strengthen opposition to democracy and economic reform."

The president's argument for "constructive engagement" and against imposing sanctions on China is based on two questionable assumptions regarding the way in which exposure to the West through trade leads to political liberalization.

First, the president seems to fear that resolute U.S. action will cause China's hard-line leaders to turn inward, thus returning the Middle Kingdom to Maoist isolation and stifling further liberal change.

Second, Mr. Bush seems to take it for granted that foreign trade, economic growth and openness to the West will lead to greater democratization and political reform in China. After more than 10 years of Deng Xiaoping's economic reforms, however, there is compelling evidence that such assumptions are not necessarily axiomatic. Few would challenge the notion

that economic reforms will improve

the standard of living for Chinese

By Orville Schell and Todd Lappin

citizens. But is there any guarantee faire branches onto an old and desthat greater prosperity will automati-cally improve the Beijing govern-ment's respect for human rights or political pluralism? No.

Certain kinds of economic progress may slow political liberalization by pumping new life into a regime that might otherwise have co0apsed under its own weight. The demise of the Soviet Union shows us how much totalitarian regimes depend upon economic growth to perpetuate them-selves. Mikhail Gorbachev's initial willingness to experiment with perestroiks stemmed not so much from a love of democracy as from his recognition that without reform, his country and the Communist Party would slide toward economic ruin.

China's leaders have recognized this fact since the late 1970s. Mr. Deng's dictum that "it doesn't matter if the cat is black or white as long as it catches the mouse" perfectly embodies Beijing's expedient willingness to harness market mechanisms in order to perpetuate Communist rule.

Marxist hard-liners have dominated Chinese politics for more than two years, but Mr. Deng's faction of economic reformers seems to have again seized control. Last week, the Polithu-ro declared that "to judge whether a move is "socialist" or "capitalist" will depend mainly on whether it will benefit the development of the productive forces under socialism, the comprehensive national strength of our socialist country and the living standard of the people." Mr. Deng's original for-mula for preserving the political via-bility of the Chinese Communist Party

is now more plain than ever. After more than 10 years of capitalist reform, China today is the world's most successful laboratory for free-market totalitarianism. Its political system has demonstrated an astonishing talent for grafting laissezpotic Leainist trunk.

The Chinese prison system, in which thousands of political prisoners still languish, has actually flourished under China's crypto-capitalist "responsibility system; it provides an interesting example of how economic reforms can be used to perpetuate rather than end political repression. Thrown back on their own re-

sources, China's prison managers have learned to exploit market mechanisms

and their most abundant resource forced labor — to manufacture a variety of products for sale to foreign buyers who pay in hard currency. The profits derived from this practice are being used to relieve the state of the need to subsidize the penal system. The net effect of China's liberal economic system has been to shore up one of the very Leninist institutions that the Bush administration imagines

its policy of unconditional free trade will end up "reforming." If there is an encouraging lesson in China's free-market miracle, it is that the People's Republic has become inextricably involved with and dependent upon the outside world for investment capital, sophisticated

technology and foreign markets.
China last year enjoyed a \$12.69 billion trade surplus with the United States, a surplus figure surpassed only by Japan. America is now China's largest foreign market for its export goods. To imagine that Beijing's octo-genarian leaders can now force Chinese society back into isolation by breaking off this foreign trade is naive in the extreme. They simply cannot afford the economic and political costs that such a reversal would entail. This dependency gives the United States

imprecedented diplomatic leverage. Mr. Bush correctly advocates a policy that encourages continued American engagement in order to advance

the process of democratization in China. He is also correct in identifying China's economic reforms as a vehicle through which democratic change can sometimes take hold. But he is mistaken in presuming that a deterministic relationship exists between economic

growth and political liberalization. It would be sad and ironic if America's failure to tie its foreign policy to human rights considerations ulti-mately abetted the creation of the most prosperous Marxist-Leninist dictatorship the world has known.

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to keep all the land and he is challenged by die hards in his own party. Mr. Arafat is cautious, and he must be bold to break PLO deadlock, He must not be allowed to think that he can count on Washington's irritation to undermine Israel. As for Mr. Bush and Secretary of State James Baker, they are impatient, but they must show that they are truly dedicated to

C Flora Lewis.

## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Democrats' Best NEW YORK - The Herald makes

this pithy reply to the Advertiser's query: "What is the matter with Whitney or Flower as the Democratic candidate?" - "The matter is that Flower has made some of the worst appointments ever known in this State and Whitney, he is from New York, and the country wants a Western man."
The Advertiser also asks, "When Cleveland and Hill are eliminated from the Presidential equation, where can the Democratic party go for its candidate? Not to the graveyard, al-though its ablest, best and most bonored leaders are to be found there."

1917: Liberating Bagdad LONDON - In the name of King

George, General Sir Stanley Mande has addressed the people of Bagdad, declaring that Britain has not come into the country as conquerors or as an enemy, but as a liberator. The proclamation states that the wish of

the king is that the city become as prosperous as in the past, when it was Germans and the Turks have endeav-ored to make Bagdad a center of resistance to destroy the power of Great Britain and her Allies in Persia and Arabia. The United Kingdom cannot

1942: Missionary Guides

troops were, such games of Japanese troops were reported tonight March 19 to be advancing overland in New Guinea toward Fort Moresby, enemy-coveted springboard for invasion of the Australian mainland. The German missionaries were said to have come from pro-Nazi centers at Finsch-hafen and Alexishafen. Both towns are in the area of the initial Japanese landings on New Guinea and are said to have maintained radio transmitters and a small factory producing weapons and Swastika regalia

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**Darkness** 

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — American-Israeli relations are the worst they have ever

been. There is anger and recrimination

on both sides. But there is also a possi-bility that this is the dark before the

dawn. Many currents are moving, It

will take great political finesse, cool

tempers and luck in several different

centers — a tall order — but the

chance of a a real breakthrough exists.

decision of the Palestine National

Council, expected in a fortnight, on a confederation with Jordan. The PLO

chairman, Yasser Arafat, is said to

support the plan, but he has a lot of

opposition from hard-liners and fun-

Last year, shortly after the Gulf War, Michel Rocard, then prime min-

ister of France, carried a message to

Washington from doves in the Pales-tine Liberation Organization, propos-

ing a confederation that would imme-

diately and unilaterally announce the end of the state of war with Israel, and

demilitarization of the West Bank for

10 years or more, setting aside the issue of a Palestinian state and sover-

eignty. It could have had the dramatic

effect of President Sadat's surprise vis-

it to Jerusalem. There was dithering,

tion" could make a difference as Isr

heads for June elections. Yitzhak Ra-

bin, the opposition candidate, has come out for the principle of "peace for land" and has said that immigration is more

Israeli opinion is deeply divided, offended by U.S. harshness and un-

likely charges that Israel gave Ameri-

can missile secrets to China. "Nobudy

likes to be bashed," said a former

Israeli diplomat who strongly opposes Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

further settlements and the peace pro-

cess will be key election issues, along

with the bad economy and govern-ment mismanagement. Mr. Rabin is

much closer to the American position

than the Liknd government is, and prospects of a settlement on a Pales-

inian-Jordanian basis could help him.

The tangling of internal and foreign

olitics is one cause of the serious

Vashington-Jerusalem falling-out:

Both sides have meddled too much in

the other's domestic fends. Washing-

ton has to take more care not to ap-

Mr. Shamir also lost by pushing the pro-Israeli lobby too hard to overrule George Bush last fall when

he postponed loan guarantees. This

time American Jews are not so willing to risk a fight with the president, and

many have their own doubts on whether Likud's adamance is more

likely to doom Israel than to save it.

also because both sides made excessive

assumptions on the basis of the "stra-

tegic alliance" proclaimed by Alexan-

der Haig, then secretary of state, in the early days of the Reagan administra-

tion. It was always an overblown adof the Cold War, and it led to

With the Cold War gone, Israel

fears that it may be simcked off as

army-navy surplus. It is essential to restore the sense that America sup-ports Israel's survival for its own sake and for U.S. interest in peace in the

region, which requires willing Israeli

participation. It is past time to come

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off the cosmic arguments, and present the issues in their reality on that small patch of ground. Likud's dream of greater Israel is a provocation, and that is why Mr. Bush has said that Jerusaiem must choose between loans to absorb Soviet immigrants and set-tlements. To say that this is mixing humaniturian needs and politics is sophistry. It is a totally political issue about Israel's future. Jerusalem's heroic, peace-minded mayor, Teddy Kollek, points out that when the French and the Maronite

Christians created greater Lebe-non" in the 1920s, absorbing and trying to rule Druze and Muslims; they created the present situation there. The Maronite community was strong and sturdy; it was desperately weakened by expansion."

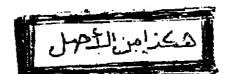
Mr. Shamir is shrewd, but he wants

the hope for peace and safety for Israel. It has taken 44 years and five wars, and it is not over yet.

tolerate such a menace."

MELBOURNE — [From our New York edition:] Guided by German missionaries, strong units of Japanese

**OPINION** 



# Movemen In Mideast » Darkness

By Flora Lewis

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# They Wrestle Under a Tarp While an Ally Gets Hurt

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Terrorists are blowing up Israeli embassies. A fanatic urged on by Iranian mullahs slashes and kills Israeli schoolchildren. In Washington, George Bush declares that unless Israel knuckles under to his demand that only Arabs and no Jews be permitted to move to the West Bank, refugees from the former Soviet Union will have to shift for themselves.

This terror-bombing, throat-cutting and arm-twisting is supposed to give Israelis the confidence necessary to take risks for peace.

Mr. Bush's unprecedented rejection of humanitarian aid to a democratic ally - while continuing loan guarantees to dictatorships with no strings attached --followed the revelation that his secretary of state said, "(Expletive deleted) the Jews, they don't vote for as anyway."

At a Bush speech the other night, a White House aide sought me out to say, "You know, Baker never said that."
Though constrained by the rules of deep background, I can confirm that Mr. Baker did say that, with the same vulgar-

ism that made it so memorable, to two high officials on two occasions. President Bush and his top staff know he did; it has been agreed that everybody would deny it was ever said. But James Baker said it -- twice - and meant it. (Years from now, memoirs will

confirm this; I'll remind you.) By extraordinary coincidence, just before the aunouncement of the Bush decision to scuttle all Senate compromises to house the refugees, a spate of stories was leaked from the State and Defense de-partments to justify the Bush-Baker intervention in Israel's election.

Defense leakers worked through The Washington Times, which provided a banner headline, "China May Have Pa-triot From Israel"; State and Defense bad been working for six weeks through The Wall Street Journal's Washington bureau, which the next day cited an unnamed official's "overwhelming" evidence that Israel had re-exported U.S. technology. ABC News trumpeted an anonymous allegation about the Copperhead missile.

The Israeli defense minister, Moshe Arens, in Washington to get the bad news on the loan guarantee, said that "there is not a grain of truth" to the missilery allegations from ambush. When he asked Defense Secretary

Dick Chency where this intelligence speculation was coming from about the resale of Patriot missiles, Mr. Cheney told him it was classified. Mr. Arens offered to take a team of

U.S. military men to Israel to count Patriot missiles. But a State Department man was assigned to do the counting, enabling the Joint Chiefs to scoff at the inspection.

When that specific story is laid to rest, it will be discovered that some component of some Israeli missile or tank contains some U.S. technology that some inspector acting at the benest of Mr. Baker, Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, or the Joint Chiefs consider unapproved for re-export. A loud "Aha!" will change the subject from the beadlines about selling the Patriot.

Here is what is going on: We are watching bureaucratic elephants fighting under a huge tarpaulin.

The pro-Israel elephant is part of the technology control establishment at the Pentagon, which fought for decades

against accommodating dictators with America's most modern arms; their al-lies are a handful of State officials at the fringe of policy and a few ClA men who rely on Mossad in fill in gaps in Washington's human intelligence network.

The pro-Arab elephant, embarrassed

at having supported Iraq before Kuwait, and irritated at criticism of the intelligence blunder that ended the war prematurely, is out to seize control of midlevel policy planning. It claims Israel took in naive Bill Casey on Iran-contra, and is oow emboldened by serving a

president with a lifelong pro-Arab tilt.
This bureaucratic breakout cries out for a profound study of fault lines and old grudges, of prideful Arabist starkers and intimidated supporters of Israel. But first, let the Pentagon issue an in-ventory of Patriot missiles in Israel. Let objective media do the on-site inspecting. Reporters can count.

The New York Times



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Settlements Issue

Regarding "Bush and His Hatchet Men Are Pushing Israel Too Far" (Opin-ion, March 3) by William Safire:

I was surprised by Mr. Safire's reference to impending pogroms and reli-gious persecution in Russia as one of the reasons wby Soviet Jews are "fleeing" the former Soviet Union, as if the Stalinist experiment continues and no changes had taken place at all. His argumentation is especially perplexing in light of recent news that the flow of refugees is actually receding and not swelling to

He also makes it sound as if Israel were simply a pawn of U.S. policy, always following what Big Brother says, Israel is a democratic sovereign state that will make its own decisions regarding matters which it feels are vital. The Bush administration is simply stating its own interests. Israel has not been "put on a leash" at any time,

CHRISTIAN KOCH. Unterleinleiter, Germany.

Leslie H. Gelb ("Bush Seems to Give Up on Shamir," Opinion, Feb. 26) writes

that Yitzhak Shamir could not or would not accept the Bush-Baker propositions linking the loan guarantees and settlements, so causing the prime minister's defeat or forcing him into a coalition with Yitzhak Rahin, "whom they regard as far more reasonable.

But the Bush-Baker offer cannot be accepted by Mr. Rahin, either. He says he will build new "security" settlements as distinct from "political" ones. He shares Mr. Shamir's view that none of Jerusalem is part of the territories.

Most likely the Bush-Baker propositions will work to Mr. Shamir's advantage, Israeli voters do oot appreciate being the object of no-win games. SUE GOLDEN LERNER.

Jerusalem.

By asking for a freeze on Israeli settlement in the occupied territories, the Arab parties to the Middle East peace process and the United States are merely attempting to stabilize conditions on the ground in territories whose status is under negotiation.

A temporary halt, in the context of the peace process, would seem to be a sine qua non for any meaningful discussion

Even the wider implications drawn by your contributors could not be said to undermine an Israeli government that truly seeks peace or represents its people, for the land-for-peace formula is favored by a majority of Israelis.

S. cl-SAID.

#### 'Apartheid' in Japan Regarding "Japan, Land of Quiet Apartheid" (Meanwhile, March 10) by

George Hicks:

In Switzerland, too, a child born to parents who are not citizens is not legally assured of citizenship. And even in the United States all permanent resident aliens are fingerprinted, with the thumbprint then adorning their "green cards."

SRIKANTA MISHRA. Rudolfstetten, Switzerland.

#### Broaden the Leadership

Regarding the report "U.S. Partles on Uncertain Footing in New World Order (March 4):

The Bush re-election campaign must

set a clear direction in regain the confidence of the electorate. But the U.S. economy is not self-sufficient. To reemploy American workers, our leadership must become more global. The stimuli for the economy must be an improvement in the standard of living and earning power of the disenfranchised people of the world.

The future of the United States is in its cultural diversity. African-Americans and others who have the requisite openness and cultural flexibility must join other leaders in business and politics. As an African-American adviser on international trade policy, I have offered these observations to President George Bush and to business and political leaders in the United States and abroad.

> THOMAS S. WATSON JR. Washington.

#### Correction

The headline over a letter from Alfred E. Davidson, "Keep 'Em Snooping' (March 13), was misleading. The writer was objecting to the continuance of heavy funding for U.S. intelligence agencies.

## To Fly in Convention's Face By Ellen Goodman

She Donned a Leather Jacket

 ${\bf B}^{\rm OSTON}$  — The detectives have come back with their evidence. One rubber heel for a woman's size 9 shoe. A threaded top from a bottle that once held stomach medicine. A piece of alu-minum skin from the fuselage of a pre-

World War II plane. These artifacts are now offered up as proof that Amelia Earhart died on an inhospitable atoll in the South Pacific. The 39-year-old pilot and her navigator

#### **MEANWHILE**

attempting in add yet another first to her list — the first pilot to circle the globe near the Equator — missed Howland Island. Out of fuel, they landed at Nikumaroro. Out of water, they died there. "For 55 years, her fate has been a mystery," said Richard Gillespie, pre-senting his flotsam and jetsam of evi-

dence. "Today that mystery is solved."
Well, maybe. The fate of Amelia Ear-hart has produced a cottage industry of speculators and mystery lovers. In the early years, there were rumors that Miss Earhart had been taken prisoner by the Japanese, rumors she had disappeared to assume another life. A few even believed she was Tokyo Rose.

Today's Amelia Earhart buffs are a more scientific bunch. But they remain skeptical — two aircraft specialists have pooh-poohed the latest findings — and are likely to keep the case open. So be it.

Frankly, I find the mystery of Amelia Earhart's death less intriguing than the mystery of her life. If this woman has remained in the limelight long enough to please even her ardent publicist and husband, George Putnam, it is not because of her disappearing role, it is because of ber historic role.

She is one of that string of "first women" stretching back through time. It links the first woman pilot to the first woman astronaut, to the first woman fighter pilot. For some the title is a breakthrough and for others a burden, hut each changes the world a bit.

Amelia Earhart, "girl pilot," "aviatrix," was born in 1897 in Kansas and never saw a plane until she was 10. She didn't start flying until she was 23. In 1927, at the tail end of one women's movement and long before another, she was a 30year-old social worker with a pilot's license, scrimping her way out of debt.
Out of the blue, she was asked if she

wanted to fly across the Atlantic. In the 1920s, flying was still something between a feat and a stunt, between path-breaking and barnstorming. After Charles Lind-bergh crossed the Atlantic and became an American hero, some people seeking at-tention for another flight came upon the idea of the "girl pilot."

So, ironically, in an era when her chances were severely limited by being a woman, Miss Earhart got this chance because she was a woman. When she leaped into fame as the first woman to fly the Atlantic, she was a passenger.

This tall, curly-haired, flight-jacketed

This tall, curly-haired, flight-jacketed woman who might have passed for Charles Lindbergh's sister quickly came into her own, breaking records and preconceptions, showing her strength.

One month, an article appeared saying it couldn't be done: "Why I believe Women Pilots Can't Fly the Atlantic—an outspoken warning by Lady Heath." The next month she did it, solo. Again and again, she was greeted with the and again, she was greeted with the peculiar applause and celebration that we reserve for women who do what we

tell them they can't do. Her personal life was also marked by independence. On the eve of her marriage to Mr. Putnam, who both promoted and pressured her, she wrote "Dear George ... I may have to keep some place where I can go to be myself now and then, for I cannot guarantee to en-dure at all times the confinement of even an attractive cage.

The place Miss Earhart went to most often was the sky. In some ways, her career became being Amelia Earhart. Flying and speaking about flying, flying and writing about it. She made her living from her life, her fame fed by the string of firsts that must have become harder and harder to achieve.

Before she set off for the final trip around the world, weary, underprepared, with a hard-drinking navigator, she told friends that she had just one last

big trip in her. Had she made it home, Miss Earhart might eventually have ended up like the pilot Beryl Markham, living in a bungalow on the edge of a Nairobi race track. Or she may have become an honored foremother at the front of some latter-day parade. Instead she became the heroine, perhaps a touch too romantic, but properly courageous, of any girl who wanted

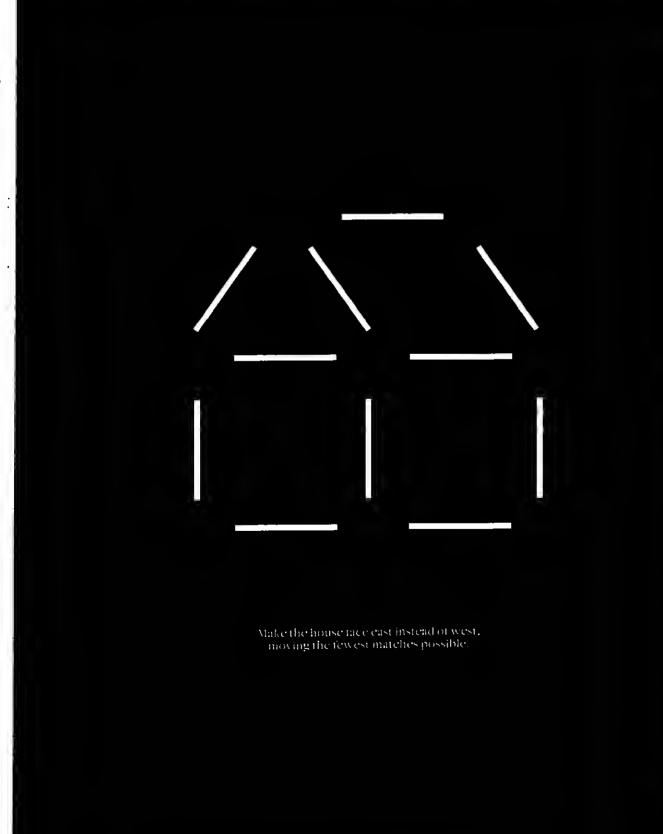
to fly in the face of convention.

"Women must try to do things as men have tried," she wrote in 1935. "When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others."

So let the aviation buffs set off again in search of bones and the serial num-ber on a plane. In the end, the mystery of the spirit, the secret of daring, and the puzzle of courage are more intriguing and much harder questions to answer than the whereabouts of a long-lost plane.

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By Philip J. Hilts

WASHINGTON - After

months of criticism, the leading

maker of silicone gel breast implants, Dow Corning Corp., announced Thursday that it was bow-

ing out of the implant business.

Dow Corning faces hundreds of

lawsuits from women who contend

that they suffered ill effects from

the implants, and it has \$250 mil-

lion worth of insurance to cover its

Several verdicts have some

against Dow Corning, including

one for \$7 million in California in

The current business climate

makes it impossible for the compa-

ny to let such a small part of its

business drain resources, the com-

pany has reportedly told govern-

Dow Corning Corp. also said that it would no longer make or sell

the implants in any country outside

the United States. The Food and

Drug Administration has asked all American companies to stop dis-

tributing the gel implants both in

and outside the United States. Two

manufacturers continue to sell sa-

line-filled implants outside the

United States and may return to gel

The Dow Corning chairman,

Keith McKennon, said the gel implant was not profitable and, given the adverse publicity of recent months, the company only experi-

"I believe that the future use of

this product will be curtailed to a

Even though the company has held the largest share of the nation-

al implant market, about 30 per-

cent, the implant business accounts

for less than I percent of Dow

Corning's annual sales of \$1.84 bil-

A voluntary moratorium on the

use of implants is in effect, but

until recently, an estimated 100,000

to 150,000 women got breast im-

Dow Corning is the third manu-

facturer of silicone gel implants in

stop making them since problems

with the implants were reported

Bristol-Myers Squibb stopped

making polyurethane-coated gel

implants last summer. Last week

Bioplasty announced that it would

There are still two manufacturers

on the market, both companies that

stop making gel implants.

plants each year.

last April.

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In France

By Students

PARIS - More than 100,000

French high school and college stu-dents held marches nationwide on

Thursday to protest proposed edu-

cational change. Some youths dated with the police is as and a protester in Annecy was se-

Scores of youths in Paris dis-

obeyed organizers' appeals for

calm and went on a rampage, breaking store windows, jostling

journalists' cars and pelting police-men with stones and bottles. An unspecified number of youths were

arrested, and a journalist was bust.

days that demonstrators clashed

with the police in Paris. On

Wednesday, the police clashed with leftists trying to reach the site of a rally by the extreme-right National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen before

gional elections on Sunday.

The police estimated the turnout

It was the second time in two

verely burned.

# Moscow, to Avert Unrest, Quietly Eases Tight Credit Policy

By Michael Dobbs

Of Breast Implants MOSCOW — Alarmed by pharmeting industrial production and the specter of millions of unemployed people, the Russian government has made the first significant correction to its program of economic shock therapy by quietly relaxing its tough filled implants, Mentor Corp. and McGhan Medical Carp., a subsidmonetary policy.

The shift in policy will allow thousands of stateiary of Inamed Corp.

breast implants, and even critics

concede that most of them have

But some doctors have argued

that the implants can rupture, al-

iowing the silicone to migrate to

other parts of the body, possibly

causing local tumors and immune

Many plastic surgeons, Dow

Corning and the other companies

since the 1960s, but the govern-

turers to demonstrate safety until 1976, and it was not until 1988 that

the Food and Drug Administration

demanded safety data from the

In January, the agency asked all

doctors to stop in ering silicone

panel reviewed new information.

als would be eligible to get the implants. The panel said all women

getting reconstruction after breast

cancer surgery would be eligible, as would all women with serious breast deformities.

Dow Corning has agreed to set up a \$10 million fund to carry ont research on the possible problems caused by implants. The company

also agreed to offer \$1,200 to wom-

en who have the implants and want

to have them removed, but cannot

The actual cost of removing the

implants is closer to \$5,000, be-

cause it often takes a significant

amount of surgery to remove an

implant and the mass of scar tissue

created by it, and to do whatever

tissue reconstruction is possible to

afford it.

make saline-filled as well as gel- restore the original breast shape,

bad no complaints.

Saline-filled implants are owned enterprises and farms that would otherwise thought to be safer because they bave gone hankrupt to remain in business for at least contain sterile salt water instead of the short term. It also appears to be designed to buy several ounces of silicone gel, exa period of political and social peace for President Boris N. Yeltsin at a time when his free market An estimated I million Amerieconomic policy is coming under increasing critican women have had silicone gel

In interviews this week, senior advisers to the president described the relaxation in credit restrictions as a "necessary adjustment" designed to preserve the essence of his free market changes while appeasing political critics. They acknowledged that the government had effectively abandoned its hopes of balancing the budget in the first quarter of the

"Such corrections are just as necessary as the measures we started implementing on Jan. 2," said First Deputy Prime Minister Gennadi Burbulis, referring to the overnight liberalization of prices that restrictions to some extent.

set the stage for the transition to a free market economy. "We are forced to take these measures in order to avoid recession in different branches of industry.

According to government statistics, industrial output is declining at a rate of 12 to 15 percent a month. More than 40 percent of the country's industrial capacity is now idle, and in some sectors of the economy, such as the machine tool industry and agricultural equipment, half the enterprises are un-able to pay the salaries of their workers.

While the social reaction to the free market policy bas so far been muted, Mr. Yeltsin's advisers are bracing for a storm of criticism when the full Russian parliament convenes in Moscow on April 6. Many members of the Congress of People's Deputies are themselves either industrial managers or represent industrial electoral districts, making them particularly sensitive to the problems now experienced state owned enterprises.

The deputy prime minister in charge of economic reform, Yegor T. Gaidar, said that he was being besieged by industrial managers complaining about the tight monetary policy that has been in force since the beginning of the year. He predicted that the government would have "little chance" of surviving the forthcoming congress unless it relaxed credit

"This is the classic dilemma of the political cycle in the economy," said Mr. Gaidar, adding that he hoped in strike a balance between keeping entermises affect and former measurements to observe the control of the first two months of the year.

Mr. Gaidar said that the government would not prises affoat and forcing managers to observe a much greater degree of financial discipline.

In an attempt to avert the danger of major labor unrest, the government announced Thursday that it was setting aside an additional 22 hillion rubles (\$244 million at the free market exchange rate) to increase the wages of workers in the mining industry. It also said that it would more than double the

minimum wage, to 750 rubles a month.

Mr. Gaidar acknowledged that the government expected a significant budget deficit in March following a modest surplus in January or February. He insisted that the deficit for the first quarter of the year would "not exceed" 4 to 5 percent of gross national product. Other government experts have predicted a first-quarter deficit of up to 8 to 10 percent of GNP, which is the total value of a national output of goods and services.

In the short term, the only way that the government can raise such funds is by resorting to the same tactic as its discredited predecessors: printing extra cash. A government economies adviser, Alexei Ulyukayev, acknowledged Thursday that tax revenues were well below expectations, with revenue from value-added tax falling 30 billion rubles short of the

automatically bail out unprofitable plants and was: bracing itself for the first bankruptcies within three or four months." But he was vague on whether the state would allow an enterprise to go out of business, saying that it would make every effort to restructure unprofitable companies or convert them from military to civilian production.

in an attempt to demonstrate political support for Mr. Yeltsin, the government is planning to convene an "Assembly of Russian Citizens" on the eve of next month's Congress. Mr. Burbulis said he hoped that the assembly, which will meet in the Kremlin hall used by the Communist Party for its great propaganda events, would put pressure on the Congress to grant the president the necessary authority to push ahead with economic change.

Mr. Burbulis, who is widely regarded as Mr. Yeltsin's closest political adviser, also said that the government was considering holding a nationwide referendum on constitutional changes. He described the present working parliament, or Supreme Soviet; as a "brake" on the reform process and said it was necessary to find ways of strengthening and streamlining presidential authority.

#### have argued that the implants are safe, but an expert panel appointed by the Food and Drug Administra-tion recommended last month that Pentagon their use be sharply curtailed be-cause the companies had failed to make a convincing case. Says a Raid Disagreement over the safety of the implants has been simmering Is Possible ment did not require the manufac-

WASHINGTON - The chief Pentagon spokesman said Thurs-day that all options remained open for a military strike against Iraq, but he apphasized that UN inspection teams should be the ones to destroy Baghdad's weapons of

Last month, the panel recom-mended to Mr. Kessler that he submass destruction.
"We retain significant military stantially restrict the use of silicone capability in the region, but we breast implants while clinical trials hope that Iraq will recognize that were conducted in see whether they its only choice is to comply with the UN resolutions," said the Pentagon spokesman, Pete Williams. Only women enrolled in the tri-

The UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, speaking at a news conference, stressed that the UN Security Council must approve any military strikes.

Mr. Butros Ghali also denied reports that there was a deadline of next Thursday for Iraq to draw up a comprehensive plan for destroy-

ing its ballistic missile production facilities, or face possible reprisals. In Bonn, a U.S. Air Force spokeswoman said that the United States began moving fighter-bombers from a base in Germany to undisclosed locations in the Gulf on Thursday. But she said the deployment had nothing to do with reports that Washington was stepping up pressure on Iraq to destroy its weapons of mass destruction.



A student trying to protect himself from policemen during a march in Paris on Thursday to protest proposed educational changes.

### IRAQ: Bush Faces a Whole New Set of Risks in Showdown With Saddam

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seek a United Nations mandate for this action, or act unilaterally in a rapidly unfolding situation?

If Mr. Bush has answered these questions in White House deliberations this winter, it is not apparent. All that is known is that last Nodestruction. vember Mr. Bush signed a presi-(AP. Renters) dential "finding" under the Na-

tional Security Act to authorize a major new round of military and intelligence planning aimed at separating Mr. Saddam from his power center. How well those plans have progressed is one of the unknown factors that may bear on the

The Pentagon's emphasis on the use of cruise missiles to harass and humiliate Mr. Saddam with deadly accuracy from a safe distance may prove to be an effective way to destroy the reamants of irac's major arms industry, but what then? Will one more step down the road to humiliate Mr. Saddam give rise to an expectation at home that Mr. Bush must win the war be has restarted by personally defeating Mr.

use of force.

If he fails, will Mr. Saddam be as much a factor in the fall's presidential balloting as the Democratic

Although Mr. Bush has been seeking to lay a careful legal predi-cate in the United Nations Security Council for any new action, there was a creeping element of surprise in the planning for this operation that was absent last time, suggest-

cerned about political opposition in the Security Council. Perbaps seasing where events were headed, the presidents of Egypt and Syria publicly pulled out of the Desert Storm coalition Wednesday by opposing any new military action. Turkey, whose government has changed hands since the Gulf War, is also not a likely bet to participate in military action, and may not allow strike aircraft to

ing that the White House is con-

launch from its soil. In Europe, Britain is the only backer of using the military cudgel if necessary. France is hang- ed.

in Paris on Thursday at 14,000; teralism in the kind of police action

strongly in favor of any action to overthrow Mr. Saddam. But Ri-yadh, mindful of the deep divisions in the Arab world, was unwilling to telegraph any return to hostilities by allowing a big new deployment

of air power to its soil. Administration officials sought

organizers said 30,000 turned out. There were also big demonstra-

Mr. Bush is contemplating. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are tions in Marseille, Toulouse, Nice, Caen, Roven and Le Havre against the government's plans to cut the range of secondary school courses leading to state universities. The turnout in cities outside the capital was put at nearly 100,000. The Socialist government says the changes would reduce the high

Thursday to tamp down specula-tion that the United States was racing toward a deadline late next out more burdles in the way of week to launch croise missile strikes on Iraqi facilities used to manufacture ballistic missiles or

getting into university.

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university. But students fear it will

In many cities, youths blockaded tracks at railroad stations, demandconduct nuclear weapons research, ing free rides to Paris to join the although other officials said that main march. One youth climbed on ing free rides to Paris to join the President Bush was predisposed to top of a locomotive at the Annecy take military action as soon as the railroad station and suffered burns latest round of ultimatums at the over 80 percent of his body when he

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## SPLIT: Rumors of a Royal Divorce Drown Out the British Campaign

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hurgh, either reportedly under strain or already on the rocks, there is talk of a constitutional crisis extending to the monarchy.

"From a public relations point of view, this is the lowest point the House of Windsor has reached since the abdication of Edward. VIII." said Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of Burke's Perrage.

The crown is only one of many British institutions under fire this election year. The Conservatives' status as the natural party of government looks wobbly for the first time since Margaret Thatcher won her first election in 1979.

The Labor Party wants to replace the House of Lords with an elected second chamber if it wins. which the polls predict is at least a possibility. Scottish nationalisis are cam-

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tionally, they probably won't get more than a handful of the 72 Scottish seats in the House of Commons, an outcome that would promise continuing strains.

In the rest of the country, the election campaign has been an un-exciting series of confrontations between Labor and Conservatives over who can better manage the current miserable state of the British economy, with no clear advantage to either side.

Small wonder, then, that reports about troubles between the funloving Prince Andrew, 32, and the vivacious duchess, also 32, set the popular press afire. Rupert Murdoch's The Sun,

scooped by the Daily Mail on Tuesday night, ran an eight-page "Fer-gie crisis special" on Thursday, and the Daily Mirror was not far belion among the three of them, the Instead, they have concerned themselves with such things as who would take custody of the duke and duchess's two children, Princess Beatrice, 3, and Princess Eugenie, who turns 2 on Monday, agreeing that the duchess would

Buckingham Palace made no reference in this, or to the cause of the heir apparent to the throne, Prince trouble. People who say they know have said there is not any one thing

in particular.
"One reason," Mr. Brooks-Baker said, "is her inability to follow the etiquette and formality that being a member of the royal family entails." One can't hlame her for that, but

that's the way it is." The duchess's frequent disregard of the proprieties has often landed her in the spotlight, most recently in January, when a collection of pshots showed her on vacation with Steven Wyatt, the son of a Texas oil millionaire, in 1990 while Prince Andrew was at sea. The prince is a lieutenant-commander

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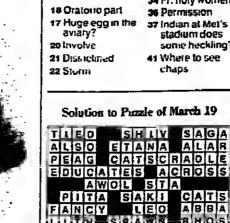
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The Mirror asserted that the discovery of the pictures had thrown Prince Andrew into a jealous rage that finally led the duchess to move for a separation.

Andrew's older brother and the Charles, has also been reported to be aloof and increasingly separate from his wife, Diana, Princess of Wales. Charles's sister, Princess Anne, is separated from her busband, Captain Mark Phillips; the queen's sister, Princess Margaret, was divorced from the Earl of Snowdon in 1978, after 18 years of

marriage. "There is a formality about their upbringing which makes it more difficult for them," said Dr. Sidney Crown, a psychiatrist at Royal London Hospital. "They are brought up by others, nannies and governesses, and of course the queen was very restricted in how she could behave."

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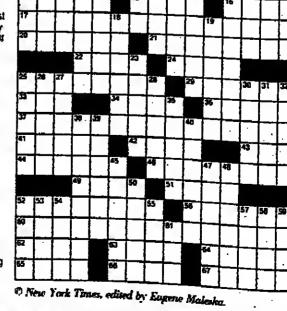
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BEIJING — China reacted coolly on Thursday after the U.S. Sen-ate failed to override President George Bush's veto of legislation that would have required China to release political prisoners, curb arms exports and end import re-strictions if it wanted to keep its favored access to the U.S. market. The 60-to-38 vote fell six short of The 60-to-38 vote fell six short of

ordely regarded to a control of the the two-thirds majority needed to override Mr. Bush's veto. A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Wu Jianmin, said China was not concerned that the Senate vote had

been so close. "We have taken note of the result of the voting by the U.S. Senate," he said at a weekly briefing.

"Unconditional renewal of such treatment is in the national interests of the two countries and conforms with the common aspirations of the peoples of the two coun-tries," Mr. Wu said. The vote made it unlikely that

restrictions would be imposed on

#### UN Acts to Halt **Expulsions of** the state of the s Burmese Muslims

New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali. plans to send an envoy to Southeast Asia early next month in an effort to stop the expulsion of the Muslim minority from Burma to neighbor-ing Bangladesh, diplomats and UN officials said Wednesday.

The envoy, Undersecretary-General Jan Eliasson of Sweden, the senior UN official in charge of humanitarian aid, is expected to travel first to Bangladesh to observe conditions for the growing oumber of Burmese refugees arriv-

ing there.
If Burma's military rulers will meet with him, he will seek to persuade them to stop persecuting the Muslims living in Arakan Province. He will also try to get the junta to take back the more than 150,000 who have fled to Bangladesh since October, apparently to escape a Burmese Army campaign of tor-ture, killing and forced evictions.

Arakan Province is thought to have a population of about 2.2 million, of whom some 1.4 million are Muslims. The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has appealed for \$27.5 million in emergency aid for the Burmese refpossibly for years to come. The action cleared the way for Mr. Bush to renew China's most-favored-nation trade status this summer.

The Democratic leadership in the Senate sought to link China's trade status to its human-rights policies, both as a way to force changes in China and to embarrass Mr. Bush by forcing him to defend an unpopular government.

"We can assure that change by standing firm today for American principles," said Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine, the Democratic majority leader, during the debate Wednesday.

But Senator Max Bancus, the Montana Democrat who led oppo-sition to the bill, said that while China had a terrible record on many issues, the threat of trade sanctions was the wrong way to seek change. In another development in Chi-

na on Thursday, the Communist Party newspaper said the country needed the expertise that Chinese students have been gaining abroad and wanted even those who have demonstrated for democracy to re-

The front-page editorial in the People's Daily echoed remarks reportedly made by the country's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, during a tour of southern China in Janu-

In recent weeks, the official news media have been filled with Mr. Deng's message that China should speed up economic growth, try eco-nomic changes and focus on practical work instead of ideology. On Tuesday, the China Daily re-

ferred to a comment by Mr. Deng about students coming back. But the editorial Thursday was the first time the newspaper had issued an invitation for them to return.

"We hope that everyone studying abroad will return, no matter what their past political attitudes

The wording clearly meant that the party wants the students to recognize that their past thinking was wrong. It also clearly does not em-brace those for whom arrest warrants were issued after the 1989 democracy movement,

But the party's welcome did apply to the thousands of students in the United States, Europe and Japan who demonstrated in support of the democracy movement and against the army crackdown.

Since 1987, 150,000 Chinese have gone to study overseas, but only one-third have returned, according to a recent Xinhua news agency report. (Reuters, NYT, AP)



COLOR IT SPRING - A man in New Delhi smearing a mixture of colored powders and water on a companion Thursday as Indians celebrated the Hindu holiday of Holi. The rite, which welcomes spring, also features dancing and carnival-type activities.

The trip is sponsored by Carnegie and the Council on Foreign Relations. The United

States has oo diplomatic relations with Viet-

nam and has maintained a trade embargo

A State Department official said this week

### **ASIAN TOPICS**

#### In U.S.-Vietnam Relations, Trip Is a Sign the Chill Is Gone

Three former officials who helped shape U.S. policy on Iodochina in the 1970s arrived in Hanoi on Thursday on a private fact-finding mission, a further sign of a thaw between Washington and Vietnam, Reuters reported from Hanoi. They were scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and

other Vietnamese officials. Richard C. Holbrooke, as an assistant secretary of state, led failed secret negotiations in 1977 and '78 aimed at oormalizing relations with Vietnam. He is oow a managing director of Lehman Brothers, the U.S. investment house.

Peter Tarnoff, now president of the Council on Foreign Relations, served in the U.S. Embassy in Saigon during the Vietnam War and took part, with Mr. Holbrooke, in the 1973 Paris peace talks.

Morton L Abramowitz, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, was ambassador to Thailand from 1978, when Vietnam invaded Cambodia, un-

that Assistant Secretary of State Richard H. Solomon's visit March 4 and 5 to Hanoi had pushed relations forward and that Washingtoo was considering easing its embargo.

#### Around Asia

since 1964.

The 500 Australian soldiers who will be serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cambodia by the end of oext month will get uniforms impregnated with a pyrethrin-based chemical that kills mosquitoes within seconds. "When the insect lands on the material it's killed before it gets the chance to bite," a spokesman said. The World Health Organization said this week that mosquitoes in Cambodia are carrying a potent strain of malaria resistant to most commonly used drugs,

Japan's Education Ministry, bowing to strong criticism, said on Thursday that it had recalled a comic book partly financed by Mitsubishi and distributed to the country's 5,500 high schools. The cover declares in big characters: "Mitsubishi Corp: The Top Brains That Circle the Globe." The text

praises the record of Mitsubishi in such fields as the exploitation of the world's tropical rain forests. "It is not appropriate for a publicservice institution to do public relations work for a private firm," a ministry spokesman said. Environmentalists said the book whitewashed the role of Mitsubishi and other Japanese companies in the destruction of rain forests in Southeast Asia.

#### This Mode of Transportation Features the Trunk Up Front

In India, for a taste of maharajah-class travel, call dial-an-elephant. Elephants, com-plete with keeper, are hired for birthday parties, weddings or just as a royal treat for visitors. The cost is from \$60 a day to \$815, depending on the event and the intricacy of the designs painted on the animal's forehead, trunk and ears. Sunder Rajan hired one for his 4-year-old daughter's birthday party. The kids "squealed all through the ride," he said.

Christine Mahoocy, an employee of the Australian Embassy in New Delhi, arranged a ride to the airport to bid farewell to a colleague who was leaving India. "It was memorable," she said. "There were six of us drinking champagne and rolling along to the airport slowly. It is not the most comfortable way to travel but it is something different."

Arthur Highee

# Japan, Seeing Pill As AIDS Promoter, **Keeps Ban in Place**

By Steven R. Weisman New York Times Service

TOKYO - in an unusual attempt to control private behavior, Japan has announced that it will keep a longtime ban on birth control pills, despite findings that the pills are safe.

A government panel said the pill would discourage the use of con-doms and lead to an epidemic of

Officials in the Health and Welfare Ministry, citing recent reports of increasing oumbers of AIDS cases in Japan, said it would be better oot to lift the ban on the pill, from "the viewpoint of public hygicne."

The ministry's unusual action Wednesday came in response to what appeared to be the first signs of an AIDS scare in Japan, al-though the oumber of victims is low by the standards of other na-

The ministry said that as of Aug. 31, 1991, there had been 405 cases of AIDS and 1,852 people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Many health experts say the figures are unreliable because there is very little testing.

News articles have also reported on AIDS among prostitutes in Ja-pan and parts of Southeast Asia visited by Japanese men, many on packaged "sex tours" of brothels.

Men are being warned to use condoms, and many places of prostitution in Japan are barred to for-eigners for fear of AIDS.

Nevertheless, the ministry's interdiction on the use of the pill was criticized by some health specialists, who charged that the ban re-stricted freedom of choice for Japanese women and kept them from a safe and proven means of birth control.

"The decision is not logical," said Takashi Wagatsuma, an obstetrician and gynecologist at the Na-tional Medical Center Hospital, who has led the battle for approval

of the pill.
"It's also ironic because the Health Ministry has made no effort

to educate doctors or lay people about AIDS." Dr. Wagatsuma said the medical committee of the Japan Family Planning Association and the Japa-nese Association of Obstetricians

and Gynecologists might protest the step, but he said he doubted it would be reversed. Government officials, concerned about the plummeting birth rate most recently at 1.53 per married couple — have begun encouraging people to have more children and have offered tax incentives.

#### 4 Nations Weigh **End to Ivory Ban**

Agence France-Presse HARARE, Zimbabwe - Four Southern African nations - Malawi, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia — will meet next month in Namibia to discuss a resumption of trade in elephant ivory in defiance of an international ban, Environment Minister Herbert Murerwa of

Zimbabwe said Thursday. Mr. Murerwa accused some international environmental organizations of dishonesty and some governments of playing politics in their support for the ban, which was renewed last week at a meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Ja-

Mr. Murerwa said that the meeting had ignored scientific evidence that the elephant populations in Southern Africa were "not only healthy but growing," and said the integrity of the convention was in

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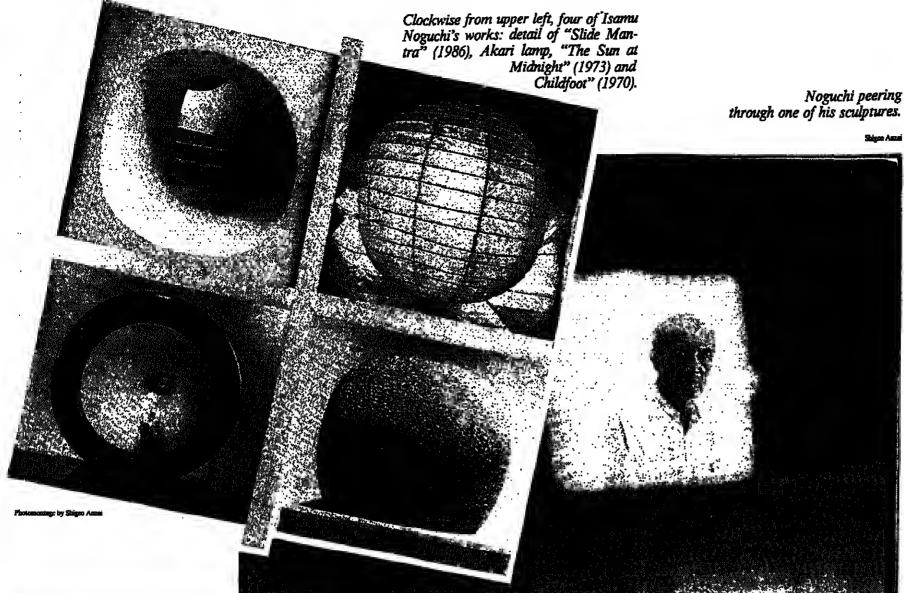
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# On Paris Runways, It's Nihilism for the '90s

By Suzy Menkes
International Flerald Tribune

ARIS - No color, no joy, no hope and no future — that is the message from fashion's avant-garde. The designers who opened the antumn-winter shows have endorsed a new long, slim silhouette, but they have also made an overwhelming statement about nihilism for the

"You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows," wailed Bob Dylan on the soundtrack of Yohji Yamamoto's show, and out came drapes of fabric in olive, black and bruised plum—"no will to live" colors, as Diana Vreeland baptized them in the 1970s. And that is where the fashion wind is blowing from: a revisionist view of the hippies from unhappier times.

At Comme des Garçons's show Thursday, Marianne Faithfull, the ultimate 1970s symbol of weeping hair and drooping dress, was singing her mournful ballads throughout a parade of black garments, except for four white cotton shirt dresses and a finale of white veiled in black. Even bird's-nest-soap wigs in shocking pink could not prevent the show from being funereal to a fault. Gloomy

as it is, the message is a powerful one.

All the designers are opting for long slim skirts, usually cut on the bias or knitted: coats are near ankle-length maxi; jackets are long, often cut away at the front like frock coats; transparency is pervasive in cobwebfine knits or veils of chiffon. That helps to lighten the long skirts. The 1970s look came from Belgian designer Martin Margiela, and the transparency from the Briton John Gal-liano, who is to be re-financed by Japanese

This is a difficult time for high fashion. Although nearly 90 designers are presenting shows, there is a plan to move shows forward to February and September in 1993, to allow more time for production. Jacques Mouclier, president of fashion's Chambre Syndicale, said Thursday that he was now fearful of a downturn in the Japanese economy, which had compensated for slow sales in the Unit-

If Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garcons's show was a reflection of the Japanese economy, things are bleak indeed. But the problem with the collection was that, however perfectly executed the asymmetric dresses or paneled-back coats, there was a return to Kawakubo's fashion roots of 10 years ago when every garment was a challenge to conventional dress.

A jacket would have an unfinished vest hanging down like tails at the back; shirt dresses grew extra arms and cuffs that dangled like drying laundry; pants appeared to be jacket sleeves put absent-mindedly over the feet. And the raw, unfinished hems and edges that Kawakubo showed last season were still unbound. The clothes will translate

■ Department of good intentions: A disco in the Netherlands set up a breathtester so that patrons could judge whether they were fit to drive. Unfortunately, the Associated Press tells us, people are using it to test who gets drunk the fastest. The winner pays the cab bome. There is probably a moral in this story, but it's best not to think about it too long.







Yohji Yamamoto's blanket plaid dress; two of Rei Kawakubo all-black statements for Comme des Garçons.

jacket for normal life. On the runway, it was a poetie statement of one woman's rage.
Yohji Yamamoto opened with a parade of

black and white skinny-rib sweaters with pants or slim, near ankle-length skirts. It was a clear, clean message about the new silhouette. Like so many of the new skirts around, Yohji's sometimes opened with a zipper raked across at an angle from the knee. Others were in light fabrics, like the gossamer-fine blanket plaid with a raw, fringed edge. That would peep ont from under a long tunie dress to add a touch of color to the predominant black, although there were a couple of vivid pimento outfits and some russet. The rest was eggplant and olive or white, with Yohji-goes-commercial dresses

Since it is not enough for Yobji to do his tailoring, which produced some boyish pantsuits and very fine coats, the show had to have an obscure message about women, which included a pregnant model on the runway and appliques of gilded metal hands grasping across her stomach. Other arty touches were brush-strokes painted on the fabric and traditional objects of affection dolls and teddy bears dangling.

The long, lean looks that are dominating the runways are often done best by those young enough to see them with fresh eyes. Ann Demeulemeester, one of Belgian fashion's new wave designers, gave a sweet, Dickensian charm to ber long skirts and frock coats that had echoes of Yohji and Comme des Garçons's work, but a spirit of their own. Showing in an art gallery, her pale-faced models, with paint splashed on hair and clothes, wore tailored trock coats with calf-cropped pants or long skirts split front and back so that they were just panels of fabric over dark hose. Fresh white cuffs or chiffon swathed across the bosoms softened the shapely tailoring that was innovative in its cut and well made.

Marcel Marongin, a Swedish-French de-signer, opened Thursday's showings with the 1970s revisited: bias-cut skirts in mat jersey, skimming the hips and falling so long that for the finale the hem turned into a train. With the long skirts went short, square knits, or elongated frock coats; an alternative was a short jacket, narrow pants and high heels.

in the stores as an imaginatively cut dress or But where is the sex of vesteryear? Helmut make more of his minimalist style with the Lang is abreast of the new fabrics that are the foundation of modern fashion. He showed ribs of plastic against skin under regular jackets; pants in skin-tight cire; long skirts wrapped like aprons over the but-tocks; plain mid-calf dresses in beat-sensitive materials that clung to the curves. The materials gave sensuality to the covered-up clothes; lacquered shine and texture illumi-nated the black, and Lang proved that he can

imaginative use of materials.

Katharine Hamnett's show used to be the hottest thing in town — when she showed in London. Her parade Thursday of junior sportswear - photoprint jeans, side-zippered ski pants and suede separates, followed by 1960s revival mini dresses in crushed velvet - did nothing to advance the cause of fashion.

# Suddenly Japan through one of his sculptures. Recognizes Its Own Artists

Some Call It 'Reverse Importing' Of Those Who Gain Foreign Fame

By Carol Lutfy

OKYO - Despite the worldwide acclaim he attracted during a prolific six-decade career, Isamu Noguchi was a stranger in his own backyard. His vast array of sculptures paid passionate tribute to Japanese sensibilities,

passionate tribute to Japanese sensionnes, but the Japanese public paid bittle notice.

With "Isamn Noguchi: Retrospective 1992," the National Museum of Modern Art in Tokyo is trying to change that. The retrospective, which runs through May 10, celebrates the achievements of one of the giants of 20th-century art. At the same time, it highlights a new national trend: Japanese

appreciation of Japanese art.

"There's a feeling now that we have to sort out our own art movements from what has gone on in the West," Yoshiko Isshiki, a leading art consultant said. "Without an internal dialogue about where we came from, there's no way to assers where we're soins."

there's no way to assess where we're going."

After decades of organizing exhibitions around modern and Impressionist masters from Europe and the United States, Japanese museums are suddenly singing the praises of their own heritage.

The Noguchi retrospective, for instance, marks an unprecedented third consecutive show devoted to a 20th-century Japanese artist at the Tokyo MOMA. The previous two featured the long overlooked Surrealist painter Harue Koga, and the 56-year-old New York-based conceptual artist Arakawa - the second youngest Japanese artist ever to be granted a one-man show there.

Sources say that On Kawara, winner of the 1991 Carnegie International Prize, will be the subject of a Tokyo MOMA retrospective next fall. In April, the Kyoto Museum of Modern Art will feature a solo show on the abstract painter Minoru Kawabata. The Yokohama Museum of Art, meanwhile, is organizing the country's first comprehensive survey of contemporary Japanese art from 1960 to 1990.

"Two critical developments have collided," said Koji Takahashi, the Tokyo MOMA curator in charge of the Arakawa and Noguchi exhibitions. "First, Japanese artists are just maturing to the point where their body of work has an individual character. Second, there's a broad revisionism taking place in central figures from the early 20th century."

THERS suggest that Japanese museums are responding not to their own art, but to the extensive interest that foreigners have taken in their art. The dozen or so exhibitions organized in Europe, Australia and the Unit-ed States over the last three years have brought contemporary Japanese art back to Japan as a gyaku nyuyu, or reverse import, Isshiki said.

This theory is bolstered by the Yokohama Museum of Art's groundbreaking survey of contemporary Japanese art, which has one unusual string attached: It will curated by an

Then, too, most of the Japanese artists receiving accolades bere — including Arakawa, Noguchi, Kawara and Kawabata — lived at least half of their byes in the United States. Kawara, who has openly tried

to dissociate himself from Japan, is reportedly so conflicted about his upcoming exhibition that museum officials have been instructed not to announce it.

Despite the unsteady start, however, the move to crown modern and contemporary masters is serious and well under way. A maturing generation of curators is scouring warehouses and archives for unrecognized talent. And at every level of the art bureaucracy, there is consensus that a nation of Japan's economic means needs an art it can

Though he is not technically Japanese, Noguchi was a logical artist to pursue. The son of a Japanese father and American mother, he spent his early childhood in Japan — and much of his life shuttling between New York and the town of Mure, where he eventually set up a studio.

Noguchi, who died at 84 in 1988, not only lived between East and West he worked.

lived between East and West, he worked between tradition and modernism - his work spanning the distance between fine and applied art. He moided gardens and playgrounds, designed bridges and memorials, produced furniture, lamps and tables, created dance sets, and carved massive sculptures out of metal and stone.

HE Tokyo MOMA retrospective of 91 works zooms in on Noguchi's sculpture — an approach that No-guchi, who valued all of his work equally, probably would have opposed. Its main benefit is the easy continuity it lends his dialogue between the geometric and organic: Cubes, pyramids, pillars, rings and circles interact unimpeded with a host of natural forms.

A series of brass sculptures made in 1927-29 during Noguchi's two-year apprentice-ship under Brancusi opens the exhibition. They are followed by busts — including one of the architect Buckminster Fuller — and a largely unsuccessful group of ceramic sculp-tures from the 1950s.

Noguchi once said that Brancusi showed him "the truth of materials," and the exhibi-tion finally comes alive when his sculptures reveal his genius for uncovering this truth. The bulging, black granite "Black Sun" (1970); the pockmarked snaking red travertine loop called "Magic Ring" (1970); the explosive "Wave in Space #2" (1968) are all a testament to his extraordinary understand-

Though the retrospective contains a num-ber of important works, it is inneven, lacking the scope and weight to influence the current discourse on Noguchi. Still, it has taken an invaluable step by extending that discourse

The exhibition is a starting point," Takahashi said. "The first sentence in what I hope will emerge as a long discussion on Noguchi

Isamu Noguchi: Retrospective 1992" will be at the National Museum of Modern Art of \*
Kyoto May 26-July 5. "Anzai: Homage to Isamu Noguchi," Shigeo Anzai's photographic documentation of Noguchi's life and work, is at the Tokoro Gallery in Tokyo through April

Carol Lutfy is a Tokyo-based journalist who specializes in the arts.

#### Howards End

Directed by James Ivory.

Ismail Merchant, James Ivory and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala tri-umph again with their entertaining, richly textured film translation of E. M. Forster's fourth novel, "Howards End." Like the novel, published in 1910, the film is elegant, funny and romantic. Forster is not passé, but time has played tricks on his work. Our world is now so different from Forster's that we follow the drawingroom war in "Howards End," seen in the confrontation of the two high-minded Schlegel sisters (Emma Thompson and Helena Bonham Carter) with the members of the rich, acquisitive Wilcox family, as if it were a fantastic spectacle, a time out of time. "Howards End," set at the end of the Edwardian era, doesn't even dimly perceive World War I, to say nothing of anything later. The Schlegel sis-ters are well-bred, well-read, music-loving people whose serene London existence is forever destroyed by the richer, cruder, altogether (it seems at first) more dynamic Wilcoxes. Howards End, the comfortable old

by Forster as a symbol of England — that the house must fall if the Schlegels, the Wilcoxes and the Basts cannot somehow be reconciled within it. The grace with which this is accomplished is one of the delights of this film. "Howards End" need apologize only for bracing high spirits and consistency of intelligence. (Vincent Canby, NYT)

Una mujer bajo la liuvia Directed by Gerardo Vera.

The set designer Vera makes a credible debut as director of this smile-eliciting romantic comedy. There are some illcrafted, even trite, early scenes. But the clever moments tip the balance toward an entertaining look at life's choices. During an autumn rainstorm in Madrid, two men offer to give Mercedes (Angela Molina) a ride home. Naturally, she picks the wrong guy. He is a hard-working entrepreneur and health nut from the Spanish Basque elite. Would she have done better with the dashing artist? Antonio Banderas brings verve to the role of the witty, ambitious painter who keeps turning up in the plot. This "Woman in the Rain" is an update of Edgar

Neville's 1945 "La vida en un hilo." (Alan Goodman, IHT)

My Cousin Vinny Directed by Jonathan Lynn, U. S. Vinny is just Joe Pesci looking more like an extra in a Godzilla

movie than a failed Brooklyn attorney. The amazing thing is that Pesci manages to pull this uneven farce out of the dol-drums anyhow. The movie gets a much-needed charge from Pesci, a bundle of bandy-legged impudence as Ralph Macchio's lawyer cousin, Vincent Gam-bini. An ambulance chaser who has never been inside a courtroom, Vincent agrees to defend his cousin and a friend who have stupidly confessed to a murder they didn't commit. Vinny is helped by his anxious-to-wed fiancee, played with refreshing street wisdom by Marisa Tomei. Britain's Jona-than Lynn probably wouldn't know a Moon Pie from a pecan cluster, but he was chosen to direct this Alabama-set, all-toostereotypically-insulting screenplay by Dale Launer. There are some belly laughs as well as some hilarious surprises. And there's a nice moral about having faith in your family. The

point, I guess, is that if you have a Cousin Vinny and a phone, you have a lawyer.
(Rita Kempley, WP)

Shaking the Tree Directed by Duane Clark.

A flaw at the heart of many rites-of-passage movies about groups of friends is the improb-ability of such cross sections of humanity ever cohering in real life. What social or psychological glue could have united the four friends in this earnest little film? All they have in common are age (late 20s), location (Chicago) and anxiety about the future. "Shaking the Tree" follows the quartet's misadventures and emotional crises over the 1989 Christmas holidays. Except for Duke (Ste-ven Wilde), who has a tense Christmas reunion with his working-class alcoholic father. the characters seem detached from any background. When, late in the movie, Barry (Arye Gross) sobs, "I'm 27 years old and I still haven't a cine what to do with my life," it is the umpteenth restatement of a theme that has long become cloying. (Stephen Holden, NYT)



Angela Molina in "Una mujer bajo la lluvia"; "My Cousin Vinny."

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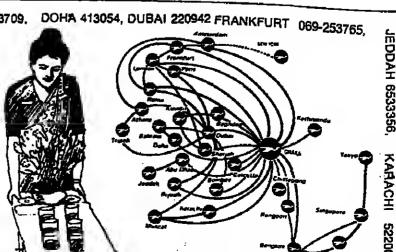
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# Hotels: Never Pay the Rack Rates

By Roger Collis
nternational Herald Tribune

N the whole, it's the mug who pays full whack at a hotel these days," says Mi-chael Lancaster, chairman of Phoenix Travel in London. This applies not only to executives benefiting from corpo-rate deals with agencies or hotel chains but to the independent traveler on a modest budget. Everyooe should be able to save 10 percent, and sometimes as much as 50 percent off the "rack rate," or walk-in price, at most hotels. Hotel rooms are discounted just like airline seats, and in many cases the savings can be

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greater. Hotel costs can add up to 60 percent of the cost of e trip. But many people are much less efficient at booking hotel rooms than they are at buying airline tickets.

Standard practice for most executives is to

book their flight through their travel agent and leave the hotel to their secretary, who will usually call central reservations, or sometimes the property direct. Unless the secre-tary is able to wield company clout, the executive often ends up paying the rack rate, especially staying at a hotel for the first time.

"The big problem with hotels is the lack of adequate data bases," says one travel agent in London. "There's little on CRS's because

hotels are not equipped to tap into those systems. Most central reservations services are not on-line to individual properties." Plus there is a plethora of booking sources -hotel reps, travel agents, specialized booking agents and hotels themselves.

Large companies can usually cut the best deals by negotiating directly with a hotel group. This approach may work for the small business or independent traveler. You may have more purchasing power than you think. If

you travel a lot to a particular city, consider patronizing just one hotel. Even 15 to 20 roomnights a year (don't forget meals, entertaining and conferences) may make you a special customer, especially with a smaller property. But however small your hotel budget, make sure that it's identified as originating from you by focusing your spending power through one person in the company. Recognition is one of the most important things for both the travel trade and the traveler.

A good travel agent should be able to give you the "corporate rate" (10 to 30 percent off the rack rate) at botels with which they have a volume discount. You may be offered a "preferred rate," an even better discount which the agent has negotiated with certain properties.

Some agents will only offer you the corporate rate on hotels if you buy all your travel through them. American Express offers its privileged rates program for selected hotels around the world to its corporate card members. Trailfield in 1 bers. Trailfinders in London offers a Travel Pass — allowing discounts of up to 60 percent at around 3,000 properties — to everyone who buys an intercontinental air ticket. Others offer hotel savings to all comers. Hogg Robinson Travel in London, for example, claims "better than the corporate rate" through Woodside, a Boston-based travel wholesaler consortium

Another option is to book through a hotel booking specialist (as opposed to a hotel rep such as Utell and Leading Hotels of the World, which aim to sell at the rack rate). Expotel, one of the largest, has a directory of about 2,000 hotels at which it offers corporate and preferred rates. Expect to get 10 to 20 percent off the rack rate. Room Service (part of Octopus Voyages) in Paris runs on similar lines: discounts of 10 to 40 percent at about 1,500 hotels listed in the catalogue.

If you are planning a flight with a stopover, check whether you qualify for an airline hotel deal. The only snag is that you must fly that airline into and out of that particular city. And

pay in advance. But you can expect discounts of 50 to 60 percent, at least for the first couple of nights. British Airways has a stopover program covering 280 hotels in 80 destinations. Rates in Hong Kong or Bangkok start at about \$45 a night; Montreal, \$20; New York, \$50; Paris, \$60, and Munich and Berlin, \$70. Cathay Pacific, Malaysian Airlines, Air New Zea-land, Qantas, Singapore Airlines and Philip-pine Airlines have attractive deals.

An excellent source of discounts is membership in the International Airline Passengers Association (IAPA), which has negotiated special rates — representing discounts of 10 to 40 percent for 4,000 hotels, including all the major chains. Or try The Executive Club International in London, which offers members similar discounts at 5,000 properties. Look for promotions.

For example, Hilton International offers a 2-for-1 program until Dec. 31 at 23 European cities. A couple staying two nights (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) get a double for the price of a single plus the second night free. Some properties offer the same deal midweek if you stay Saturday night. Most of the hig chains, such as Marriott, Inter-Continenta and Westin, offer similar weekend rates and

HE best agents can't give the best deal oo every hotel. So shop around. You cever know what you

An executive at a major hotel group hased in London says: "Don't quote me, but you can call a five-star hotel here and simply ask for a good deal. After a couple of minutes you can probably talk them down quite consider-ably. You might easily get the rate down from say, 175 pounds to 110 pounds [ahout \$300 to \$190], or something like that. That's a method that does work."

Half an ounce of chutzpah can go a long

# Lost Abroad? Call Consul (Maybe)

By Barbara Rosen

ARIS — Lost your passport in Pa-kistan? Call the consulate. Need a doctor in Denmark? Try the consulate.

Run out of cash in Colombia? Get thee to Like most questions concerning a govern-ment's duty to its citizens, especially those

involving money, there's a lot of gray area in the relationship between a consulate and the people who seek its help.
"We try to help you solve your problem and we try to help you compensate for the fact that you're not home," says Douglas Ellice, U. S. consul in Paris. "But the fact that you're

not home doesn't make it our problem. Britons often have "overblown expectations of what we can do --- particularly when it comes to lobbing out money," says John Lacey, the British consul in Paris.

"Rarely does anyone actually say I pay your salary, but the attitude is there," adds Ellice. "The line they do deliver with a straight

face is 'Well, what are you here for?" Generally speaking, a consulate is a bureaucracy away from home, able to renew passports, help transfer driver's licenses, and register births, deaths and marriages. A Dutch consular officer can even perform marriages in, for example, Islamic countries. But they won't call the caterers. The staff at the Dutch consulate in Rome associates Mondays, especially in fall and spring, with calls asking them to arrange weddings— "generally from people living in Holland and living quite cormal lives and all of a sudden deciding it would be so nice to get married in Italy," explains an officer there.

Consulates give tourist advice. Italians in New Delhi have been counseled to drink mineral water, to avoid eating street food, and not to expect to get 30 parrots through customs in Rome. They are also advised to register with the consulate before trekking in the Himalayas, so someone knows, however

roughly, where they are. But a consulate is not a travel agency. The Dutch in Rome have been asked to plan biking tours. The American Emhassy in Paris has received middle-of-the-night calls from irate tourists demanding to be moved to another hotel. Lacey gets a surprising number of British citizens who lose their hotels. One elderly gentleman "had sort of gone out for a walk and lost his way," Lacey says. With no specifics ("He knew it was somewhere near the Gare du Nord"), the consulate had little hope of finding it either. Fortunately the man had enough money to book into another hotel and search again the oext day. He eventually found it, "more by luck than judgment probably," Lacey says.

Consulate staff will visit you if you get arrested, and keep lists of local doctors, lawyers and accountants who speak your language. But they won't make appoint-ments, or attempt to offer professional ad-vice themselves. Nor will they intervene be-tween their nationals and local landlords or

"One lady asked us for advice on the



installation of a septic tank at her farmhouse in Normandy," Lacey recounts. "We sug-gested she should contact e local plumber." Tourists are received differently than, say,

a 20-year expatriate, says the Dutch officer in Rome. "We obviously do less for [the latter] because they're supposed to be able to fend for themselves." On the other hand, the French consulate in New York handles scholarships for French children attending French-American schools there. Consulates replace lost or stolen passports

and can help you replace money — but first you must get to them, or to where you can be helped. For one American, Will Bourne, in 1987 a 22-year-old theft victim in the northeast Indian town of Patna (where he was to catch a bus to Katmandu), that meant "a long day sjourney" to Delhi. Luckily, he had money for the train. One U. S. officer tells of calling a friend in a remote Mexican town and getting him to lend some of his own pesos to a stranded U. S. citizen.

Most consulates will help get money sent from home, at least explaining how to make a collect call and how to arrange a transfer, and offering a place to get called back. Sometimes they act as the fiscal conduit. Some will advance money against a depos-

it made back home (at a police station, for instance), or will make a loan against some mstance), or with make a loan against some security (like your passport). But it costs. The Dutch in Rome charge half of 1 percent of the amount they transfer. The British in Paris charge £15, as well as £40 an hour if called in during off-hours. People who use their emergency £50 check-cashing service 'could end up owing us money," Lacey says.

In truly dire straits, an Australian in Paris, a German in Bangkok, a Japanese in Lon-don, a Frenchman in New York and a Swede in Inverness all can hope to be loaned some amount of consular cash.

"I can almost never spend any money."
Ellice says. But he can refer you to a private organization that makes emergency loans. He can also talk to the father of a stranded student who's afraid he won't get bailed out:
"'Hello Mr. Jones, this is the American Embassy in Paris calling' — he's less inclined to distance himself." A minor with nowhere to go would be referred to the French social services, Ellice says. Consulates help in cases of accident or

death, and in emergency repatriations. When a 22-year-old Belgian-passport-holder, Xavier Leplae, found himself unwelcome in Beijing in June 1989, the Belgian Embassy put him up, fed him, and got him to Thailand on a ticket he repaid a year later. In Bangkok, they helped him contact his grandmother for money. "It was all very courteous," he says.

The Swedish consulate in Londoo once sent a 16-year-old girl home into socialservices care after her mother brought her to Britain for an arranged marriage, then re-ported that her daughter had run eway. Then there was the elderly American woman who called the U.S. Embassy the

day she was to leave Paris, during a transit strike. She asked for a ride to the airport, saying she couldn't find a cab. "We were unable to help her," Ellice says. "I have oo idea what happened."
Nor could a British consular contact in

Alicante, Spain, help the woman who, the story goes, showed up with her portable TV and complained: "I've brought this on holiday with me, but all I can get is this Spanish

Barbara Rosen is o free-lance journalist

#### AUSTRIA

KunstHeus Wien (tel; 712.04.95). To April 30: Duane Hanson'e life-size realist sculptures made of fiberglass.

#### BELGIUM

Musée d'Art Moderne (tel: 513.96.30). To March 29: Paintings and ceramics by Alfred William Finch, the turn-of-the-century Belgian artist hose work was strongly influenced by Seurat.

Musée d'ixelles (tel: 511.90.84). To April 30: One hundred and thirty landscapes by J. M. W. Turner (1771-1851) that were inspired by Belgian and northern French landscapes; one of the several "Britain in Brussels" events.

## BRITAIN

Horniman Museum (1el: 699.18.72). To Aug. 30: "Yoruba, A Celebration of African Art." Display of contemporary wood, text

painting religious works.
Royef Academy of Arts (tel: 439.74.38). To April 5: "Andrea Mantegna: Painter, Draughtsman and Printmaker of the Italian Remaissance." Works from throughout the artist'e career that trace the develop-ment of his innovative genius. To June 7: Exhibition featuring 52 works by Alexander Calder, which includes numerous mobiles, the art-form he

Manchester
City Art Gallery (tel: 236.52.44). To
June 7: "Turner and the Poetic Landscape." The museum's collection of 35 watercolors and two oil paintings.

#### CANADA

Montreal
Canadian Center for Architecture
(tel: 939.70.00). To May 24: "The
Architect'e Sketchbook." Exploration
of ways in which architects use
books as tools in the process of arhitectural creation.

National Gallery of Canada (tel: 990.19.85). To May 24: "Gold and Stone: A Critical Look at Bank Architecture." Eleven American and Canadian photographers are represent-

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Artcurial (tel: 42.99.18.18). To March 28: Paintings by Zao Wou-Ki from 1976 to 1991.

Bibliothèque Nationale (fel: 47.03.81.10). To May 31: "Les Lautrec de Lautrec." Two hundred and tifty-three prints and posters.

Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 42.77.12.33). To May 4: More than 100 oil paintings, watercolors, inks and ceramics by Georges Rouauit.

Grand Palais (tel: 48.04.38.86 for ticket reservations). To June 1 "Toulouse-Lautrec": 70 paintings and 100 drawings, lithographs and posters.

Mueée du Louvre (tel: 40.20.50.50). To May 18: "Souvenirs de Voyages." Drawings and autographs from France's 19th-century peinters are part of an exhibition showing how Corot, Boudin, Gauguin or Delacroix, among others, traveled and worked. Also to June 29: "Ciodion, Sculpteur (1738-1814)." A retrospective showing Cocion's evolution from vases and statuettes to monumental sculpture.

Musée de la Marfine (tel: 45.53.31.70). To March 29: Models, paintings and photographs of the great ocean liners.

Petit Palais (tel: 42.65.12.63). To May 17: More than 150 works by Richard Parkes Bonington, the English romantic painter.

Saint-Germain-en-Laye

Château de Saint-Germain-en-Laye (tel: 34.51.53.65). To April 27: "The Court of Stuerts at Saint-Germain-en-Laye under Louis XIV" illustrates the lite of James II and his Jacobites after they fled England following William of Orange's victory.

#### GERMANY

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32.09.11). To June 28: 1,500 years of Indian Art as revealed through 150 priceless objects from India's largest Museum für Volkerkunde (fel: 212,353.91). To April 19; "Signs of the Times; Conlemporary African Art," Palmtings and sculptures from Museum Ludwig (tel: 221,23,79), To April 21: Pop Art show including the works of David Hockney, Jasper Architekturmueeum (tel: 21,21,84,71), To May 17: 400 draw-ings by 20th-century Italian architect Antonio Sant'Elia.

Johns, Andy Warhol and Claes Ol-denburg, among others, Also, photo-graphs of Lisette Model (1901-Kunstsemmlung Nordrhein-West-talen (tet: 13.39.61). To May 10: Watercolors and etchings of Wassily Kandinsky. (1866-1944).

Padua Museo degil Eremiteni (fel: 875.1153), To May 17: "From Bellini to Tintoretto." More than 200 paint-ings by 14th- and 15th-century Padu-Turk

Museum Folkwang (tel: 88.84.52). To April 12: Documentary photos and films executed by Danny Lyon from 1959 to 1990 trace racial division in Lingotto (tel: 696.71.31). To March 31: "Arte Americana 1930-1970." Forty years of American painting, including works by Edward Hopper, Jackson Pollock, Cy Twombly and Roy Lichtenstein.

JAPAN

Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto (tel: 781.4111). To March 29: "Vincent van Gogh and Japan." An exploration of the Influence Japan had on the painter.



#### LUXEMBOURG

Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art de Lucembourg (tel: 47.93.30/1). To March 29: "La Collection Kaufed in the 18th century.

#### NETHERLANDS

Groninger Museum (Iel: 18.33.43).
To April 12: "Dragon King of the Sea." Japanese decorative art from the Melji period (1868-1912) includes bronze, lacquerwork and cloisonne objects.

Museum Boymans-van Beuningen (tel: 44.19.400). Survey of European and North American silverware from the late 19th century to the Art Deco period.

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National Museum in Warsaw (tel: 21.10.31). To May 31: "20th Century Polish Art." About 200 paintings. prints, sculptures and Installations comprise this exhibition tracing avant-garde trends in Polish art since the beginning of the 20th century.

# Barcelona Fundació Antoni Tàples (tel: 487.03.15), To March 29: "Communication on the Wall." Study of the Catalan artist's "matter paintings," which brought Taples significant acclaim in the "50s and "60s.

Biblioteca Necionel (tel: 435.4003). To April 10: Major over-view of Spanish painter Ignacio Zulo-aga (1870-1945). **SWITZERLAND** lung Ludwig (tel: 271,22,02). To March 29: "The Tomb of e Pharach." The exhibition centers on the royal tomb of Pharaoh Seti I. Kunstmuseum (tel: 22.08.28). To May 17: A selection of lesser known drawings and illustrations by Hans Holbein the Younger.

Martigny
Fondation Plerre Glanadda Martigny (tel: 22.39.78). To June 8: "De Goya e Matisse." Prints executed by such artists as Gauguin and Odion Redon between 1799 and 1933.

#### UNITED STATES

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Kimbefl Art Mueeum (lel: 817.332.8451). To April 12: "Nicolas Lancret 1690-1743." Paintings and drawings by the French Rococo meeter.

master.

Los Angeles
The Museum of Contemporary Art (tel: 621.27.66). To May 17: "The Marcia Simon Weisman Collection" shows 60 works by Rauschenberg, Max Ernst and Willem de Kooning, as well as California artists like Sam Francis, Richard Diebenkom and Daddel Marchane.

Hands, Fuchard Diebenkorn and David Hockney.

Norton Simon Mueeum (tel: 449.68.40). To April 12: "Edward Weston: Still Life Photographs."

Close-ups of nature.

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Metropolitan Museum of Art (tel:
535.77.10). To May 17: "Barbizon."
Covers six French landscape painters of the 19th century, including
Diaz, Millet and Rousseau. To Aug.
30: "Flowers and Leaves. The Ottoman Pottery of Iznik." Iznik ceramics from the 15th to the 17th century.
Museum of the City of New York (tel: 534.1672). To March 29: "Harvey Wang'e New York." Portraits of elderly New Yorkers in vanishing jobs and professions.
Museum of Modern Art (tel:

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Museum of Modern Art (tel: 708.97.50). To May 7: The William S. Paley Collection, which Includes more than 90 works of modern masters, is on view for the first time.

San Francisco
De Young Museum (tel: 863,3330).
To May 17: An, arms and armor from imperial Austria.

Washington

Nationel Gallery of Art (tel: 842.6690) To May 17: "Guercino: Master Painter of the Baroque," an exhibition of oil paintings and drawings in honor of the 400th anniversary of the birth of the Italian painter.

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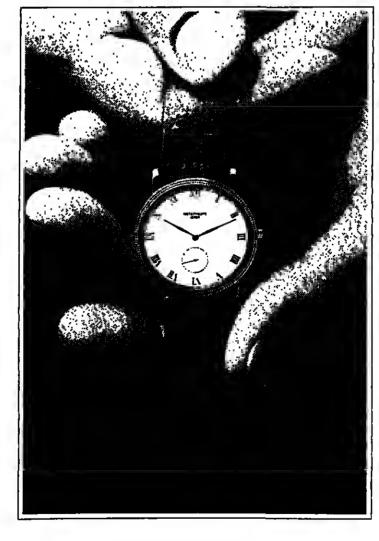
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#### WALL STREET WATCH

### **Every (Former) Penny** Counts, in Amex's Eyes

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

EW YORK - The American Stock Exchange, providing what it hopes will be a safe, reputable venue for trading in companies graduating from the penny stock category, has opened its Emerging Company Market-

place with an initial roster of 22 listings.

Many of the companies had seen their prices rise sharply in the days before they began trading on the Amex, and the price increases continued Wednesday in their first exchange trading. In some cases, the stocks were trading at several times what insiders paid for shares only weeks before

Most of the companies traded by the Emerging Company
Marketplace went public
through the "shell" route, in

which a public company with no operations, often one that is sold as a blind pool to inves-tors, uses stock to acquire a small operating company. The owners of the operating company effectively give up a part of their company's equity to the owners of the shell to get a

The exchange seeks to provide a reputable venue for trading in emerging companies.

Such companies are thereby able to go public without having prospectuses reviewed by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many shell companies, though not any of the ones listed on the new Amex market, have been the targets of securities-frand actions by the SEC and state regulators.

The SEC has agreed to exempt companies listed on the new Amex market from pending rules that limit telephone sales of low-priced penny stocks, generally defined as stocks againing for less than \$5 a share and not listed on a major exchange.

Asked if he was concerned that many of the companies examing

Asked if he was concerned that many of the companies gaining such exemptions had been shells, Richard C. Breeden, the SEC chairman, said: "Any company can evolve rather substantially. I care less about what they were than about what they have

THE CHAIRMAN of the Amex, James R. Jones, was ebullient as he discussed the new market. "We think these are the kind of companies that will grow and make this country great," he said, adding that he had been distressed by suggestions that the new market was an Amex effort to compete with Nasdaq, the over-the-counter market where most of the companies were formerly traded.

For many of the companies, the listings provided "the credibility of the Amex," as Stnart Landow, the president of Top Source

Inc., an auto-equipment supplier, put it.

Top Source, which sold shares in a private offering at \$1 each in December, saw its shares close the day at \$4.125, up from a bid of \$3.875 in its final day of Nasdaq trading. They were un-

changed in Thursday morning trading.

Another success story, at least in terms of rising price, is Topox, which sells medical devices. Two weeks ago, it sold unregistered shares to insiders, including a director, at \$1.25 each, roughly half the market price at the time. But the price ran up rapidly in the following days, before the Amex listing, and Wednesday the shares traded as high as \$6.25 before closing at \$5. Thursday morning, however, they dived to \$3.50.

The first Topox trade on the Amex was at \$5.625, with James McGonigle, the company's president, buying 100 shares. In an SEC filing on March 2, Mr. McGonigle said he planned to sell 150,000 shares of the stock. Wednesday he said most of those shares had been sold, some at \$2 and the rest at prices he did not recall. He said he was raising money to buy equipment that he would then lease to the company.

Mr. Breeden said it was important that trading in the stocks would be on the Amex, where each trade is reported and the compliance department monitors trading.

"That oversight is important, because we know that smaller See EMERGE, Page 13

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# Nestlé Likely to Capture Perrier Prize

#### Officials of Rival Agnelli Group Have Lost Appetite for a Bidding War

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PARIS - After more than three months of

Interviews with two top officials of the Turin-based Agnelli empire, which includes Fiat SpA, revealed that the family had little further appetite for the fight over the leading

"If it's a question of more and higher bidding for Perrier, I am against that," said one of the Agnelli officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We have seen where the political will lies in France, and there's not much point in lighting that. We

This aversion to further bidding for Perrier follows two French court verdicts this month that had the effect of slashing the Perrier voting stake of the Agnellis and their allies to 23.7 percent, from a seemingly impregnable

shares from the Agnelli camp, ruling that, in two separate instances, stock exchange rules were flouted in the accumulation of stock in

doubled its net profit last year, to

market, the French state-controlled

Perrier and its main holding company, Exor

The verdicts capped a tortnous saga that began on Nov. 28 with a friendly offer by the Agnellis for control of Exor, a holding company with a 35.5 percent stake in Perner, but rapidly escalated into an all-out war for the world's leading producer of mineral waters. Both Nestle, which entered the fray on Jan.

We have seen where the political will lies in France, and there's not much point in fighting that.'

An Agnelli official

6, and the Agnelli camp have now bid 13.3 billion francs (\$2.3 billion) for Perrier, whose U.S. brands include Arrowhead, Poland Spring and Great Bear. The company con-trols about 40 percent of the French mineral-water market, 28 percent of the U.S. market and 20 percent of the world market.

As such, Perrier was an attractive target in the increasingly competitive world food busi-ness. But, beyond its strategic worth, Perrier and its bulbous green bottle are also an expression of Frenchness as powerful as a flacon of Chanel perfume.

In the view of several analysts, the battle of

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Italy and Spain helped offset weak

Analysts said Renault's new Clio

and R19 models had bolstered its

But Renault's operating profit shrank 26 percent, to 4.66 billion francs, as higher sales were more

than offset by a surge in marketing

And while car sales rose, sales of

trucks and buses slipped 7.7 percent.

Renault's managing director, Louis Schweitzer, said strikes last

year cost the group 1.5 billion francs in lost income. The strikes

cut output by 80,000 mits, 20,000 of which were made up for by the end of 1991. He said Renault

hoped higher production in early

1992 would make up for another

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rope's single market, which should be a reality by the end of this year, is in fact a web of encrusted sovereign interests so complex and deep-rooted that any cross-border bid for a national jewel such as Perrier is liable to

result in an explosion of litigiousness.
"It's notable that a lot of the broubaha has been over what should happen to such quintessentially French products as Caves de Roquefort cheese, which is controlled by Per-rier," said John Graham, an analyst at UBS/-Philips & Drew. "I think Nestle's long presence in France and its promises to guarantee the continuing Frenchmess of Roquefort and other products has helped the company be more favorably viewed."

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As part of its offer, Nestle has agreed to cede Perrier's Volvic brand, which accounts for 12 percent of the French mineral-water market, to the leading French food group BSN.
A spokesman for Nestlé, François Perraud.

said the company also had "no intention of incorporating Roquefort into our group oper-ations in France," and would be happy to cede the cheese business to Credit Agricole, which already owns 26 percent of Roquefort.

It is this proposed carve-up of the mineralwater company's businesses that is vehement-ly opposed by Jacques Vincent, the chairman of Exor and Perrier. The Agnelli officials described him as the chief obstacle to negotiations with Nestle.

But Mr. Vincent, who could not be reached See PERRIER, Page 13

percent, to 166 billion francs, in capital from the French state -

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other French automaker, Peugeot

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signed in December in Maastricht, the Netherlands, Le Monde report-

treaty "inadequate" in its current

form. It "implies a federalist con-

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helped out financial expenses.

# **Shrinking GNP** Rings the Alarm Louder in Japan

By Steven Brull

nal Herald Tribune TOKYO - Concern deepened Thursday over the rapidly decelerating Japanese economy as the government announced that the nation's output shrank unexpectedly in the last quarter of 1991.

The contraction in gross national product was the latest in a series of ndicators underscoring the severity of the Japanese economic slow-down. On Monday, the Tokyo stock market's Nikkei average plunged through the psychological support line of 20,000 points to a five-year low, although the market rose back above that level Thursday. Bank-ruptcies are at record numbers and corporate sentiment has sunk to its lowest level in four years.

The Economic Planning Agency said Japan's GNP shrank 0.2 percent on an annualized basis between October and December. The data were somewhat worse than expected and, with the exception of one quarter in 1989 that was skewed by the introduction of a consumption tax, marked the first quarterly contraction in nearly six years.

In a particularly ominous sign, the GNP data highlighted declining investment by corporations in plant and equipment and lower spending by consumers on housing and personal consumption - both key drivers of growth.

Businessmen have been alarmed for months, but now even government officials, who previously maintained more stoic attitudes. are beginning to lose their opti-mism, adding to the growing sense

Calvet Opposes Maastricht Jacques Calvet, president of the The vice minister of the Economic Planning Agency, Shunji Fukin-bara, conceded Thursday that it was possible GNP growth would not reach the government's target of 3.7 percent in the fiscal year ending March 31, a conclusion pri-vate-sector economists reached months ago.

ed Thursday.

The French daily said that Mr.
Calvet, addressing German businessmen in Frankfurt, called the Increasingly, government and private-sector economists fear that only massive stimulus, in the form of greater public-works spending and lower interest rates, will pre-vent the economy from skidding into an even deeper spiral.

"Like the government, the Bank of Japan has been taking a very optimistic view," said Yozo Nishi mura, an economist at the Bank of Tokyo. "This will force them to revise their outlook."

"The economy is stagnant now and will get worse," Soichi Enkyo, senior economist at the Bank of Tokyo, told Reuters. "And when recovery comes it is going to be slower and take longer than people had previously thought."

Analysts say the GNP data may lead the Bank of Japan, which is widely expected to be on the verge of cutting its official discount rate, to make a deeper cut than it would like. The data will also bolster government efforts to develop a more stimulative fiscal package, expect-ed to be unveiled next Friday.

The Bank of Japan governor, Yasushi Mieno, "realizes be has to make a bolder statement than he has in the past and that could well lead him toward a larger cut," said George Worthington, senior analyst at IDEA, a market-analysis firm.

A stream of leaks to the Japanese press this week has boosted expectations that the central bank will cut the discount rate next week, possibly as soon as Monday, when money supply figures expected to be bearish are released. Adding to the expectations on

Thursday, Finance Minister Tsutomu Hata implied a cut would be part of the government's pump-priming package. That package is expected to stress accelerated spending of the government's 72 trillion yen (\$542 billion) budget for the fiscal year starting April 1.

All the talk of stimulation belped Tokyo's ailing stock market rise on Thursday, with the Nikkei average jumping 420.78 points to 20,185.09. In the GNP report, the negative impact of lower domestic spending was largely offset by greater ex-

But growth through exports is untenable, analysts say, noting a politically motivated decision by the trade ministry to reduce Japan's automobile exports to the United States this fiscal year by about 5 percent to 1.65 million units (Page 17).

ports, primarily of cars and ships.

bruising battle for control of Source Pernier SA, it seems almost certain that the Swiss food giant Nestlé is going to win, beating a n'val offer from Italy's Agnelli family.

French mineral-water company. Unhappy at becoming embroiled in the kind of public takeover battle they have traditionally shunned, the Agnellis have concluded from two recent adverse court rulings that their cause faces overwhelming resistance.

are more than ready now to negotiate."

Courts in Nimes and Paris removed the

Renault Net Soars, Operating Profit Falls

new markets like Eastern Germany PARIS - Renault more than and Turkey. But they said that while Renault 3.08 billion francs (\$550 million), seemed to have turned a corner after despite crippling strikes and the slowdown in the European auto a poor 1990, the strong 1991 showing was largely due to a drop of 3.3 billion francs in one-time charges. In 1990, exceptional costs of 4.2

carmaker said Thursday.
Industry analysts said the result, up from 1.21 billion francs in 1990, billion francs linked mainly to the unwinding of ties with Renault's subsidiary in Argentina helped slash earnings by 87 percent. reflected Renault's broad model range and its ability to penetrate

## Loss for Volvo Cars

STOCKHOLM - Volvo AB suffered heavy losses on its car operations in 1991, but income from its stakes in Renault and Procordia, the Swedish food and drug group, swung it back to a 1.53 billion kronor (\$253 million) profit, the company said Thursday. The profit after financial income came after a 327 million kronor

loss in 1990. Group revenue fell 7.2 percent, to 77.22 billion kronor.

Volvo's loss of 1.75 billion kronor on cars in 1991 was only slightly offset by a profit of 146 million kronor on trucks and buses. Recession in the United States, Britain and Sweden contributed to a fall in car sales to 309,300 from the previous year's 359,600. Volvo's income statement showed that, without gains from the

sale of shares and contributions from its holdings in Renault and Procordia, it might have made another pretax loss in 1991. These

## Rise in U.K. Jobless Deals a Blow to Major

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribune

LONDON - The ranks of Britain's unemployed grew for the 23rd consecutive month in February, hitting a total of 2.65 million, the government said Thursday.

The rise in the unemployed by a seasonally adjusted 40,200 workers was in line with most forecasts and well below January's jump of 53,000, but still gave the govern-ment a hard statistical slap just three weeks away from the election.

"It is a weak point for the Con-servatives," said Peter Warburton, an economist with Robert Fleming Securities. "They can only be glad it did not come in over 50,000." The Labor Party leader, Neil

Kinnock, quickly branded the fig-me the price of a "do-nothing" Tory government. Prime Minister John Major acknowledged that times were difficult, but nonetheless insisted that "there are a number of hopeful signs now."

Most economists, however, saw few of them in a minor gusher of official figures released Thursday. Among them was the final figure Among them was the final figure showing that Britain's gross domestic product shrank by 0.3 percent in the fourth quarter of last year and was down 1.7 percent for the year will go up almost inexorably and no short-term measures will hold it back," said David Kern, chief

desperately needed to get the econ- ster Bank.

omy moving again instead contin-ned their cautious ways. Figures Thursday showed that in the fourth quarter, Britons saved 10 pence out of every pound in disposable income, a disappointing decline of slightly less than one-half pence from the previous quarter.

There was also considerable dis appointment about the latest figure for underlying average earnings of British workers, which showed a rise of 7.25 percent in the year to January, unchanged from the previous month's figure. Mr. Warbur ton said that with employment and wage pressures still falling, "we should be seeing one-quarter-point drops each month."

While there was debate among economists over whether the British economy was stagment or yet shrinking, there was complete agreement that the recovery had yet to begin. Given the fact that unemployment typically continues to rise well after the economy turns up, economists also predicted that the peak in jobless rate was probably still at least a year away.

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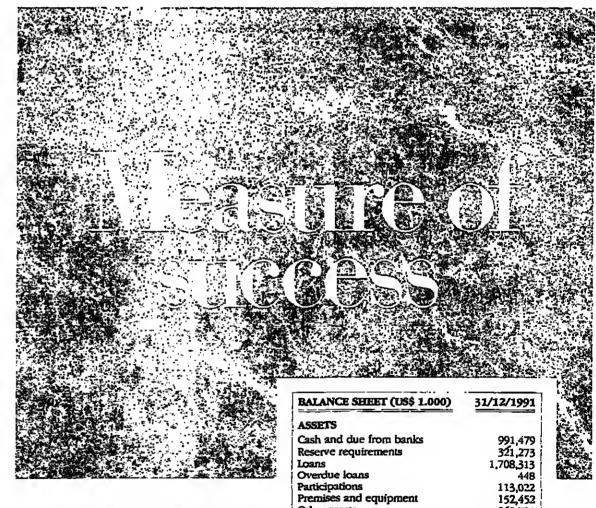
## Italy's Finmeccanica Seeks Market Listing Via Unit

MILAN — The state engineering group Finmeccanica SpA announced Thursday that it would go public, using one of its subsidiaries as a vehicle to obtain a listing on the Milan Stock Exchange.

The transaction calls for the incorporation of Finmeccanica into its publicly traded financial-services and real estate company Societa Immobiliare & Finanziaria PA and for a 1.2 trillion lire (\$1 billion), two-part capital increase by the merged company. Finneccanica is currently wholly owned by the giant state holding company, Istituto

per la Ricostruzione Industriale. Finmeccanica also said it would pay 719 billion lire to IRI in compensation for the subsidies it received in the mid-1980s for the carmaker Alfa Romeo, which was later sold to Fiat SpA. The subsidies were declared illegal by the European Court of Justice last year. Separately, the Italian Treasury said that Cassa di Risparmio delle Provincie Lombarde, or Cariplo, Italy's largest savings bank, had

signed a letter of intent to buy 21 percent of the state-controlled credit institution Istituto Mobiliare Italiano. No price was given, but the Treasury's 50 percent holding in IMI has been valued at between 3 and 3.5 trillion lire.



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closed with modest gains Thursday yield of 7.97 percent, down from on buying encouraged by betterthan-expected economic news, strong bond prices and the Tokyo stock market's rebound.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which slid 1.79 points Wednesday, rebounded 7.15 to 3.261.40. to-7 margin on the New York Stock

#### N.Y. Stocks

190.8 million Wednesday.

Alan Ackerman, executive vice president at Reich & Co., said the Inc. paced the Big Board actives market advanced partly in re- closing at 14 on its maiden trading sponse to the positive economic news and the Tokyo stock market's the 44.9 million-share offering of recovery. But he added: "There's common stock of the parent of Burno clear-cut leadership or direc-tion. Economic signals are turning Ford Motor followed, rising 1 to a bit positive, but not enough to 40. The Wall Street Journal reported confirm that the economy has

Mr. Ackerman also said the triple-witching hour "put a lid on trading. Some investors decided to sit it out." He was referring to Friday's quarterly event, when stockindex futures and options and options on individual stocks expire on the same day, which usually causes volatility in the stock market and Key U.S. government securities

turned the corner."

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks was ahead 15/32 to 100 11/32 for a 8.01 percent late Wednesday.

The Labor Department said new claims for state unemployment insurance benefits fell 27,000 for the week ending March 7 to a seasonally adjusted 433,000. The Commerce Department said the mer-Advances topped declines by a 9. chandise trade deficit shrank slightly to a seasonally adjusted

\$5.77 billion in January. Traders said bonds rallied because investors were encouraged by Exchange. Volume amounted to the trade figures, which showed exports had declined for the third month in a row.

Burlington Industries Equity unchanged from the initial price for common stock of the parent of Bur-

the automaker expected to make a small profit in the first quarter after losses in the past five quarters. ■ Continental Suspended

The American Stock Exchange said it would suspend trading of Continental Air Holdings Inc., which is in bankruptcy court proceedings, after the close of business Friday, Reuters reported. The exchange acted after the company's board authorized striking the fisting.

## **Dollar Ends Higher But Stays Range-Bound**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar closed higher Thursday in New York but failed to break out of recent ranges.

Dealers said U.S. data early in

the day, including a larger-thanexpected decline in weekly firsttime claims for jobless benefits,

Foreign Exchange helped boost the dollar, January U.S. trade data came in close to

expectations. In addition, "saber-rattling" between Washington and Baghdad caused investors to buy the dollar as a safe haven, said David Gil- and confidence that the U.S. econmore of MCM CurrencyWatch. There were reports that President George Bush's military planners had given him a set of options to bomb Iraq if it did not comply with UN resolutions to destroy its weap-

ons of mass destruction. The dollar ended at 1.6708 Deutsche marks, up from 1.6665 DM at the opening and from 1.6502 at the close on Wednesday. It also closed at 133.58 yen, up from 133.00 yen at the opening and 132.80 at the close on Wednesday.

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Reserve governor, who said in response to a question that he was satisfied with the current level of the dollar against the yen.
The dollar has gained considera-

bly against the yen since Mr. Bush visited Japan in January to smooth over trade differences. At that time, the dollar stood at about 126 yea, and officials of both countries dis cussed how a weaker dollar would help trim the U.S. trade deficit.

Traders and analysts said the dollar would be underpinned next week by an expected slowdown in German monetary growth, a likely cut in the Japanese discount rate omy is recovering.
But with the dollar having dis-

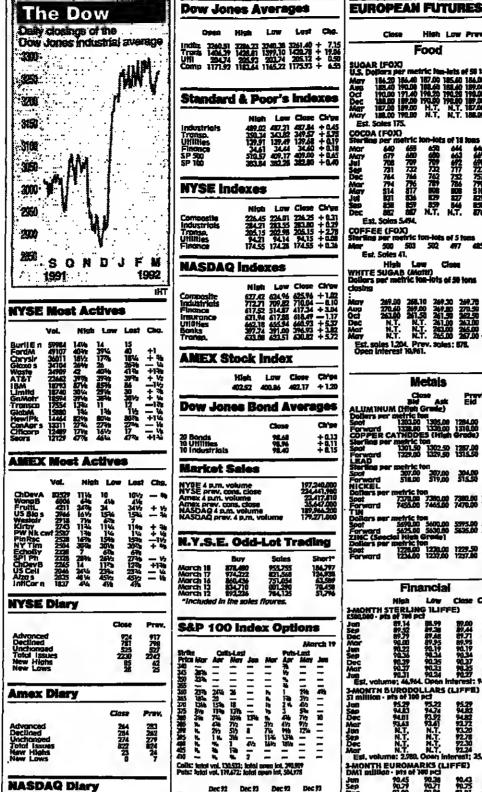
counted these developments, further gains will be slow in coming, analysts said. The dollar also rose Thursday to 1.5149 Swiss francs from 1.4965

from 5.6070r. The pound slid to \$1.7112 from \$1.7280. The dollar was sharply higher against most European currencies in London earlier. It closed there at 1.6710 DM, up from 1.6490 DM on

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## A Sweet Deal for Coca-Cola CEO

NEW YORK - Roberto C. Goizueta, chairman and chief executive of Coca-Cola Co., has received a grant of restricted stock that ranks with the largest ever, compensation analysis say.

Mr. Goizueta received a lavish compensation package last year whose centerpiece was I million shares of restricted stock that have a market value of about \$81 million. As long as he does not retire before April 1996, the restricted stock carries the same voting and dividend rights as ordinary stock and should be as valuable.

Because this information was buried deep in proxy materials

mailed last week, initial news reports focused instead on Mr. Goizue-ta's salary and bonus, \$3.14 million, about the same as in 1990.

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Carol Stone of Nomura Securities said the trade figures "continue to portray the economy at the turn of the year touching a kind of bottom."

Colt Files for Bankruptcy Protection

HARTFORD, Connecticut (Reuters) — Colt Manufacturing Co. filed for bankruptcy protection on Thursday, hobbled by weak sales and In filing for Chapter 11 protection from creditors in U.S. bankruptcy declining military contracts. count, the gun maker obtained a \$10 million package of state and private

funding to help it reorganize and save some 925 jobs, said a spokeswoman for the Connecticut state pension agency, a co-owner of the company.

Connecticut has a 47 percent stake in the company, which was purchased two years ago from Colt Industries by a coalition of striking workers, managers, private investors and the state pension agency.

Apple Raises Damages Sought in Suit SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Apple Computer Inc. has increased the amount it is seeking in copyright-infringement damages from the software giant Microsoft Corp. by more than \$1 billion, to \$5.55 billion,

Microsoft said Thursday.

Apple sought \$4.37 billion in damages from Microsoft last mouth in filings in U.S. District Court in San Francisco in connection with its fouryear-old copyright suit. The company says Microsoft's Windows graphical interface infringes on Apple's visual displays for its Macintosh

Microsoft said Apple had raised its damages claim as a result of evenue information disclosed during the discovery phase of the suit. Microsoft denied that Windows infringed on any Apple copyrights.

Canadian Airlines in Alliance Talks

CALGARY (Bloomberg) — Canadian Airlines International Ltd. and American Airlines announced Thursday that they would hold talks on a strategic alliance, confirming months of speculation. The airlines are discussing equity exchanges, joint marketing and reciprocal services. The American Airlines president, Robert Crandall, had said on March

11 that the two sides were discussing a business combination.

Canadian Airlines, which is controlled by PWA Corp. of Calgary, has made several public statements recently stressing that it had to conclude some form of alliance with a major international carrier in order to

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European Community officials arrived in Washington on Thursday seeking a breakthrough in talks on cutting farm subsidies. The delegation was to meet with U.S. officials just hours before Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany arrived in Washington, where he was expected to propose a

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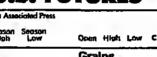
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LONDON — Cable & Wireless write the meak many steady but price and the meak many PLC announced Thursday a re-structuring and said the personal communications network of its Mercury Communications unit was to merge with Unitel, a consortium led by U.S. West Inc.

The moves could bring C&W economies of scale and increased market penetration, analysts said. but the market still took the opportunity to hit the shares. Traders quickly sold C&W, and the shares fell 33 pence in heavy volume to close at 550.

The developments followed news Wednesday that the group director, Peter van Cuylenburg. would quit to become president and chief operating officer of Next Compoter Inc. in the United

"It's not a view I share but the market is looking at this as a company in disarray," said Evac Miller, an analyst at Lehman Brothers.

Analysts said the £50 million (\$86 million) exceptional provision Cable & Wireless was making to cover the restructuring costs in the 1992 financial year was another reason investors were selling.

(Continued from first finance page)

companies can involve very high

risks and that their stocks have all

too often proved easier to manipulate than the stocks of companies

with a very large public float," he

In fact, one risk for the Amex is

that much of the trading in the

stocks may still be conducted off

the floor, as has happened with some penny stocks that were listed

on regional exchanges in an effort

to escape the planned rules on tele-

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The total volume in Epigen, a

small biotechnology company that

is among the new Amex companies,

was 32,500 shares on Wednesday,

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Blair. The price rose as high as \$4 a

share, but it fell to below \$3 by last

week. Wednesday it closed at \$3.25

and was trading Thursday morning

conducted over-the-counter.

EMERGE: Amex Thinks Small

# Comfortable Profit at LVMH

PARIS - LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA said Thursday that it had bounced back from a Gulf War slump to record a 10.7 percent rise in net profit last year, helped by strong results

from spirits, perfumes and leather goods.

The luxury-products combine said net profit after payments to minority interests rose to 3.7 billion nes (\$660 million), from 3.3 billion francs in 1990. LVMH and Guinness PLC have cross-shareholdings of about 24 percent. LVMH's operating profit grew 13 percent, to 6.4 billion francs.

Consolidated revenue gained 11 percent to 22

billion francs Operating profit from cognac and spirits rose 17.4 percent, to 2.7 billion francs, while sales in that sector advanced 24 percent, to 6.2 billion francs. LVMH noted particularly strong growth in

the East Asian market, where its strategy is to rely on the marketing of more expensive, older blends. The champagne and wines business was burt by recession in the United States and Britain, with operating profit slipping to 1.33 billion francs from 1.34 billion, even though sales moved up 7.8 per-cent to 5.5 billion francs.

The introduction of new perfumes, "Dune" from Christian Dior and "Amarige" from Givenchy, coupled with stronger earnings at Christian Lacroix perfumes, boosted operating profit in perfumes and beauty products. Profit rose 37.7 percent, to 636 million francs, while sales advanced 4.3 percent, to 4.8 billion francs.

Leather-goods sales, boosted by the introduction of new, popular products, rose 9 percent to 4.8 billion frames, while operating profit gained to 1.8 billion francs from 1.7 billion.

## Guinness Prospers in Adversity

The rules for qualifying for the new list are substantially lower than for a regular Amex listing, and effectively undermined. The most

recent court ruling, which voided

the sale he organized in January of

to an Agnelli ally, Saint Louis SA.

was vehement in its condemnation

"without the slightest regard for the most fundamental judicial for-

Moreover, with the Agnellis, who control 39.9 percent of Exor

through their holding company IFINT, reluctant to pursue the bid-ding for Perrier, Mr. Vincent ap-

At Nestle, whose partner in the

battle is Banque Indosuez of

France, confidence is running high.

"There is no longer any doubt how this will end," said Mr. Perroud. "All the rulings have gone our way." He added that the company

was contemplating an improved

James Capel in Paris, estimated

Lole Morvan, an analyst at

had for Perrier.

malities of corporate law."

LONDON - Guinness PLC said Thursday that its pretax profit had jumped 12.9 percent last year, but added that it saw no speedy economic recovery in several key markets, notably Britain and the

Guinness posted a pretax profit of £956 million (\$1.66 billion), on revenue of £4.07 billion, which was up 16 percent from 1990.

But the chairman, Anthony Tennant, was cau-tious about 1992. "We see quite a tough trading environment ont there, but within that we hope to achieve acceptable growth in profits," he said.
Guinness's brands include the world's top
scotch whisky in terms of sales, Johnnic Walker

the prices for the companies will

run in a separate list to avoid con-

tative criteria played a role in

choosing the companies, and said

many companies that wanted to be

That kind of endorsement could

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companies do not grow and pros-

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companies the listing, and the an-

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Of the 22 newly listed compa-

nies, all but one had traded on

Nasdaq, where only bid-and-asked

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The bid prices of the 21 Nasdaq listings had risen an average of 11.9

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Mr. Jones emphasized that quali-

Red Label, and the leading gin brand, Gordon's. Mr. Tennant said Guinness was more resilient than many other companies because of its international spread, its strong brands and its strong cash generation.

"All these things tend to drive the business

forward at a good and healthy pace," Mr. Tennant said. "Last year we had a strong year in the whole of Asia Pacific, southern Europe and South America, to make up for difficulties in the U.K. and other Anglo-Saxon markets," he said.

Operating profit at United Distillers, Guinness's spirits division, rose 12 percent to £749 million. At Guinness worldwide brewing, operating profit grew 53 percent to £244 million.

francs. Perrier shares closed Thursday at 1,579 franc, up 34.

Mr. Morvan believes the affair

ther a higher bid from Nestle that

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Perrier but the Agnellis would keep

other Exor assets, which include

the renowned Chateau Margaux

vineyard and extensive Paris real

estate. A rival bid for Exor has been

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Already, however, two things are

clear: The battle has struck a blow

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Pernier from Nestle might come in sured by the French court rulings.

# Spain Has Big Problem With Prices, OECD Says

By Carl Gewirtz International Herold Tribune

PARIS - Spanish policy-makers were told Thursday to get serious, fast, about fighting endemic inflation or the country would find its goods priced out of internation-

al markets.

The warning from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development emphasized the "inflation-proneness" of the Spanish economy, fed by runaway public spending, anoquated policies that protect excessive profit margins in the services sector and wages that are rising faster than elsewhere in Europe.

The OECD is especially critical of spending by regional govern-ments. It cited considerable overspending on prestige projects, high salaries, immoderate recruitment and spending to placate local lobbies" that have produced local budget deficits.

The big pay rises for regional government employees have "resulted in significant pay rises in the public sector." These, in turn, "set the pace for the growing wage claims by private sector workers. Lenders and horrowers would "show greater discipline if the central government made it clear that

it would not bail out overindebted

regions," the OECD said.

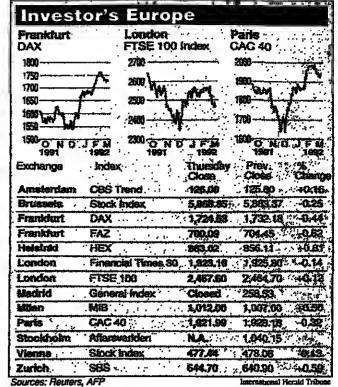
budget is moderately restrictive as drawn, the OECD sees it, too, overshooting targeted spending "unless abuses in the social welfare area are curtailed. Generous unemployment benefits and pensions, cou-pled with weaker activity than predicted in the budget, point to steeper growth in social expendi-

In the services sector, the report said that "collusive behavior is common in the numerous professional organizations which have barriers to entry, apply strict rules to control their members and have great discretionary power in fixing

It ooted that "the sizable rise in the cost of house repairs seems to owe more to restrictive practices due to cartelization and to price guidelines of trade associations, and less to shortages of skilled personnel associated with the con-struction boom."

The fact that underlying inflation, excluding food and energy, remains stubbornly high at 7 per-cent is "exclusively due" to price rises of services at around 8.75 percent since 1989, the study said.

These increases subsequently get picked up in wages that are widely indexed to past price trends.



#### Very briefly:

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, the German carmaker, posted a 12.5 percent increase in 1991 group net profit, to 782.7 million Deutsche marks (\$474.4 million); the company cited a 9.8 percent increase in sales as one reason for the gain, but left its dividend unchanged at 12.50 DM. Aero Vodochody of Czechoslovakia is to supply 36 L-39 Albatros military-training aircraft to Thailand.

• Kuwait delayed plans to reopen its stock exchange, pending audited reports from companies that were listed on the market before Iraq's

 Hollandsche Beton Groep NV, the largest Dutch construction concern, said net profit rose 9 percent, to 70.7 million guilders (\$32 million), last year, but added that it saw little improvement in the current year. • Guardian Royal Exchange PLC's loss widened to £210 million last year, from £157 million, and the company said it would cut its dividend.

 Hoogovens NV cited overcapacity and economic slowdown in Europe as factors in a 1991 net loss of 51 million guilders (\$27 million), after a 298 million guilder profit the previous year.

 Metalligeselischaft AG said it expected group operating profit to rise in the 1991-92 year, ending Sept. 30, from last year's level of 178.7 million Dentsche marks.

 GEC-Alsthom won a contract worth 90 million French francs (\$15.9 million) to modernize signals on a commuter railway line in Jakarta.

#### These were far and away the largest increases since the summer

DOUBTS: U.S. Job Growth Lags

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missing jobs and the rising unemployment rate: 7.3 percent today, compared with 5.3 percent when the recession started.

Ms. Lazar and some other forecasters say that 3 percent growth is likely by Election Day, and could endure into 1993.

But in a dozen interviews with economists, doubts about job growth repeatedly surfaced. "A lot of manufacturers have not

yet seen a significant pickup in orders, despite the healthy rise in retail sales," said Thomas M. Hoenig. president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. "I cannot tell you that anyone is suggesting to us that they are in a strong rehiring

mode at this moment."

Perhaps the main reason for the current upturn is a sudden rise in personal disposable income, the money Americans can spend or save after paying their taxes. After declining for most of last year, total disposable income jumped 1.5 percent in January from December's level. And February brought an additional 2.2 percent increase.

of 1990, but the bulk of the gains came from fragile sources: a rise in overtime pay, the extended unemployment benefits recently granted by Congress and bigger Social Se-

"Our surveys show a recent strengthening in consumer confidence," said Richard T. Curtin, director of the University of Michigan's monthly consumer sentiment

curity checks.

"But more fundamentally," he said, "when consumers look to the year ahead or to the next five years, they are not seeing the employment problem solved and that will inhibit any recovery."

Thomas Plewes, associate commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, also doubts that the employment problem has been solved. although 164,000 jobs were added to the labor force in February, the first rise since November. These figures "were not incompatible with a recovery, but they did not demonstrate one either," he said. Most of the reported job gains

## BASF to Cut 9,500 Jobs by Year-End

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany — BASF AG, which has been hit by shrinking profits in recent years, said Thursday that it would cut 9,500 iobs worldwide in 1992. Jürgen Strube, management board chairman, said at a news conference

that BASF, the largest chemical group in Germany and the second-largest in the world, would reduce its work force to about 120,000 by the end of 1992 through early retirement and attrition.

Mr. Strube said sales at BASF had risen 2 percent, to 7.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$4.7 billion), in the first two months of 1992 and would were at retailers and anto factories. probably rise about 2 percent for the full year.

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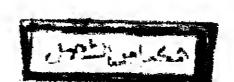
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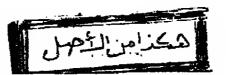
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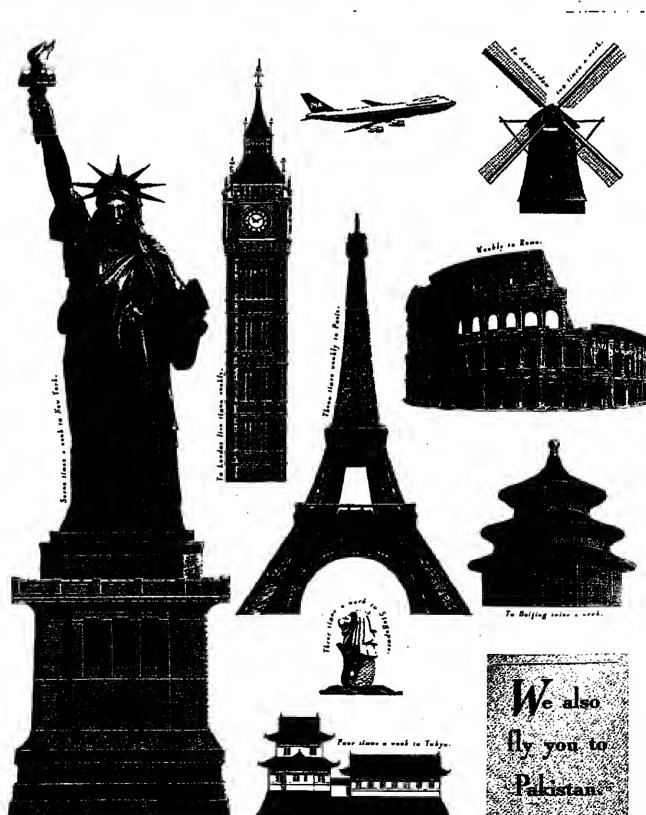
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Shareholders are bereby convened to attend the Statutory General Meeting of the Shareholders, which will take place at the company's registered office to Luxembourg on April 15, 1992 at 15:00 for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following points:

AGENDA OF THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING

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1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Independent Auditor.

Approval of the Financial Statements made up for the Decom-

31, 1991.

3. Discharge to the Directors and to the Independent Auditor. Statutory Appointments.

Resolutions on the agenda of the Statutory General Meeting will require no quorum and will be taken at the majority of the votes expressed by the shareholders present or represented.

Shareholders who cannot attend the meeting are invited to send a proxy to the registered office to arrive not later than April 10, 1992. Proxy forms will be sent to registered shareholders. Prove forms may also be obtained from

The owners of bearer shares will have to deposit their shares five clear days below the meetings at Rampie Ferrier Lullin (Linembourg) S.A., 14, houlevard Emmanuel Servais, L · 2535 Luxembourg.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### CAPITAL ITALIA

Société Anonyme d'Investissement

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS which will be held at 5. Soulevard de la Foire, Luxembourg on Morch 31, 1992 of 10.00 om:

- 1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditor. 2. Approval of the financial statements as of
- December 31, 1991. 3. Decision on ollocotion of net profits.
- 4. Discharge of the Directors in respect of the carrying out of their duties for the year ended December 31, 1991. 5. Election of the Directors.
- 6. Miscelloneous.
- NOTES:
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- 2. Holders of bearer shares may vote at the Meeting in person by producing of the Meeting o certificate of deposit which has been issued to them against deposit of their shore certificates with their bankers or all offices of Credito Italiano in Italy, five days prior to the Meating.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Stockholders of SCHLUMBERGER LIMITED (Schlumberger N.V.) will be held at the International Trade Center, Piscadera Bay, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, on Wednesday 15 April, 1992, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning (Curacao time), for the following purposes:

1. To elect 12 directors

2. To report on the course of humaness during the year ended December 31, 1991, to approve the Company's Consolidated Balance Short as at December 31, 1991, its Consolidated Statement of Income for the year ended December 31, 1991 and the declaration of dividends by the Board of Directors as reflected in the Company's 1991 Annual Report to Stockholders.

To approve the appointment of Price Waterhouse as independent public accountants to sadit the accounts of the Company for 1992. 4. To consider amendments to the Schlumberger Discounted Stock.

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Action will also be taken upon such matters as may come properly before the

Up to 8 April, 1992 the holders of Certificates representing 5 common abares. Schlumbenger Limited may give voting instructions to the depositary under deposit of their certificates with the undersigned or by surrender of a deposit advice of their banks.

If no voting instructions are given the undersigned will vote for the first three matters and will abstain from voting for the last two matters.

Copies of the notice of this Annual General Meeting of Stockholders and of the Annual Report 1991 are available with undersigned. Amsterdam, March 17, 1992 Spuistraat 172

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- 2. Approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 1991.
- 3. Decision on distribution of a cash divident.
- 4. Discharge of the Directors in respect of the carrying out of their duties for the year endod December 31, 1991.
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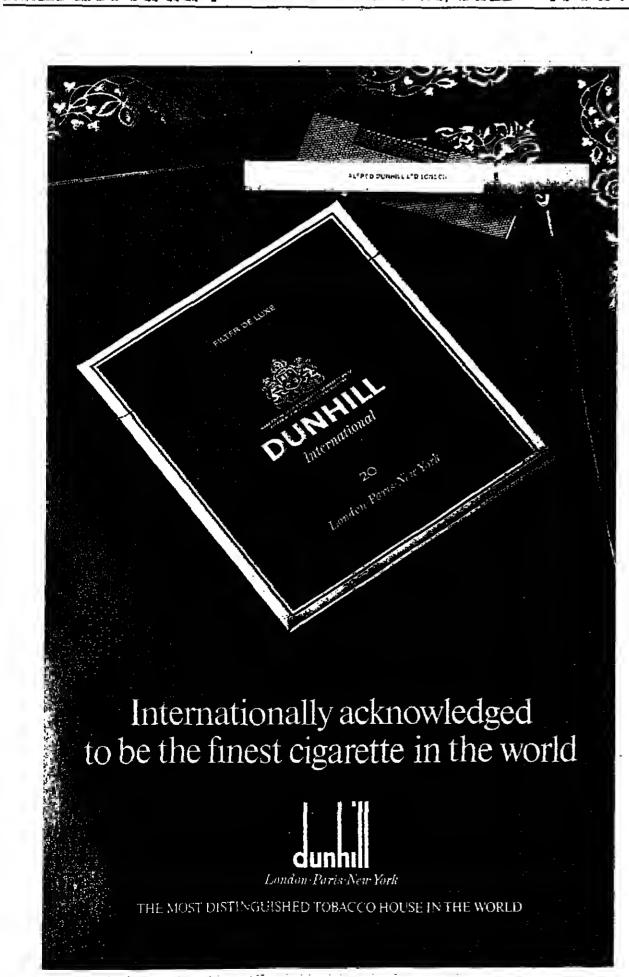
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# Japan Cuts Car Export Cap

## Gesture Toward U.S. Aims to Ease Tension Over Autos

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Washington Post Service
TOKYO — More than a decade after it first put a lid on the number of automobiles it exports to the United States, Japan owered the ceiling substantially Thursday — but it is far from clear that the latest move will help ailing U.S. automakers

The decision to impose a "vol-untary" cap of 1.65 million on the number of passenger cars shipped to the United States in the year beginning April 1 is aimed squarely at easing U.S.-Japan tensions over autos, which is perhaps the most politically

explosive area of dispute between Washington and Tokyo.

Japanese officials were frank in acknowledging that the move. which lowers the ceiling from the previous level of 2.3 million vehicles, is another in a series of steps away from free trade. The political atmosphere in the United

States left little choice, they said. "It would be best if we could maintain free trade without resorting to such measures," said Kozo Watanabe, minister of international trade and industry, at a news conference. "But staying off protectionism or regionalism in the United States will mean advancing free trade after all."

But while Mr. Watanabe and others voiced wishes for the U.S. Big Three automakers to regain economic health and competitiveness, doubts immediately

'Staving off protectionism in the U.S. will mean advancing free trade.

Kozo Watanabe. minister of international trade and industry.

surfaced over whether the latest decision would have much imnact in that regard.

Japanese exports have already fallen, to an estimated 1.73 million vehicles in the year ending in March, well below the old ceiling, because of the huge shift of production to Japanese-owned "transplants" in the United

So while the new, lower limit will result in a 5 percent reductioo in exports — or about nese automakers will surely compensate for at least some of the loss by increasing the oumbers of cars assembled in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and cisewhere. analysts said. Toyota Motor Corp., for example, is in the midst of doubling capacity at its Georgetown, Kentucky, plant.

Such a shift would mean that more Japanese-brand cars would be assembled by American workers than before, an economic plus for the United States. But it is unlikely to satisfy the United Auto Workers, or American executives such as the Chrysler Corp. chairman, Lee Iacocca, who say that to cope with stag-gering layoffs and deficits, much more drastic curbs oo Japanese competition are required.

Accordingly, the prevailing worry here is that Tokyo's coocession will amount to little, either economically or politically.
MITI officials said, however, that the move would provide at

least some relief for Detroit. Were it not for the new limit, Japanese exports to America might well rise in 1992 for the first time since 1987, because of the U.S. economic recovery that appears to be budding, said Atsushi Kawashima, director of the

# **Australia Down to 3 Carmakers**

of the car market in Australia while the country's other two carmakers, Ford Motor Co, and Mitsubishi Motor Co., will have about 18 percent and 11 percent

We used to have schemes that encouraged smallvolume assembly, and there were small plants in each state," said Michael Wynne-Hughes, executive director of the Automotive Industry Authority, which is charged with implementing the government's 15-year

ket, prompted the foreign carmakers to set up their

reduced by 2.5 percentage points every year.

nault, Volvo, Mercedes, Triumph and Nash-Rambler. Nissan, whose sales fell by one-third in 1991 despite deep discounting, last month said it would leave after

25 years in Australia. The merger of the local units of GM and Toyota, which will create a company called United Australian Automotive Industries Ltd., completes the plan.

## Sanfu Plans Japanese Steelmakers Auto Plant Predict Big Profit Drop In China

the economic slowdown, company

Officials at Nippon Steel Corp., the world's largest steelmaker, said

pretax profit was expected to drop

Nippon Steel earlier had estimat-

officials said Thursday.

increase of 0.8%.

downward as well.

trillion yen, off 0.5 percent.

TAIPEI — Sanfu Motors Industrial Co. of Taiwan plans to set up a \$20 million automobile assembly plant in China with the French carmaker Renault, a Sanfu official

The project, which has not yet been finalized, would be the first known investment in China by a Taiwan automaker. It would also appear to challenge a Taiwan government ban on such investment.

The official said Sanfu would avoid violating the ban by making its investment in the name of Lee Yung-vao, a Canadian citizen who is the son of the Sanfu chairman, Lee Shui-tu.

The Sanfu official's comments confirmed a report quoting the company's chairman in the Economic Daily News, a major financial daily.

Ecocomies Mioister Viocent Siew said last month that Taiwan's automobile industry was among a number of strategic sectors not per-

mitted to invest in China.

The ban was imposed to prevent Taiwan from transferring impor-tant technologies to Chinese competitors and exposing itself to political pressure from Beijing, which claims sovereignty over the island. The government cannot block the investment if it is made by a foreigner, the Sanfu official said. A senior official at the government Investment Commission acknowl-

adged that it would be "very difficult" to stop Sanfu. Sanfu will have a 60 percent stake in the joint venture, while Renault, which has a technical cooperation pact with the Taiwan company, will invest 40 percent, the official said,

The plant, in the central province Dairy Farm Foresees Pickup in 1992 of Hunan, would have annual productioo capacity of 10,000 to 20,000 vans or pickup trucks, which would be sold in China and abroad. "The Chinese market is potentially very large," the Sanfu official said.

Industry sources say many Taiwanese automobile companies are eager to invest in China, and at least one other company has already done so secretly.

profit drop, to 43 billion yen.
At Sumitomo Metal Industries TOKYO — The five major Japanese steelmakers expect to post double-digit profit declines for the Ltd., pretax profit is likely to drop year ending in March because of

44.2 percent, to 41 billion yen, offi-cials said. A sharp drop in steel demand in the second half of the year is the main reason for the declines, a Kawasaki Steel spokesman said. Demand from carmakers, electrical 37.8 percent from the previous year, to 100 billion yen (\$750 milion). The company was the only one of the five to predict a rise in sales, to 2.63 trillion yen, for an manufacturers and construction companies had fallen drastically,

"The economy was going very well until July," said Takeshi Yo-shii, director of Nippon Steel, "but in September we started to think it may be slowing."
"In November and December, ed profit for the 1991-92 financial

year at 110 billion yen. The other the situation got disastrous, and private companies started to poststeelmakers revised their forecasts pone or cancel their capital spend-NKK Corp. officials estimated ing. Now consumer spending is pretax profit at 37 billion yen, down 26.4 percent, on sales of 1.32 also falling," he said.

The steelmakers expect even tougher times next year. "We are facing a difficult situation now," Mr. Yoshii said. "And it is getting Pretax profit at Kobe Steel Ltd. s expected to fall 11.5 percent, to 50 billion yen, company officials tougher and tougher every day." (Reuters, AFP) said, while officials at Kawasaki

Hongkong Hotels' Net Falls

HONG KONG — Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd., the leading hotel concern in Hong Kong, said Thursday that net profit fell 6 percent in 1991, mainly because of the Gulf War and the recession abroad.

The group, which owns the Peninsula chain, said profit after tax and

ninority interests was 313 million Hong Kong dollars (\$40.13 million) in

Hanmer Webb-Peploe, the managing director, described the earnings s "a satisfactory result." He said most of the 1991 revenue was generated

Mr. Webb-Peploe gave a pessimistic forecast for this year. "With the continuing recession in several major Western economies, we expect 1992

to show only slow recovery in the hotel and restaurant business," he said.

HONG KONG - Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. expects a

the previous year, a fall that was within analysts' expectations. The group

1991, down from 333 million dollars a year earlier.

announced a final dividend of 3.25 cents a share.

by the company's property portfolio and nonhotel operations.



#### Very briefty:

• The Asian Development Bank is expected to launch its first Hong Kong dollar bond in April; the seven-year, 500 million Hong Kong dollar (\$64.6 million) issue is to be jointly lead-managed by Wardley Ltd. and China Development Finance Co.

• Fuji Bank said the former secretary-general of the United Nations, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, would join the advisory board of a joint venture between Fuji and an American partner, James D. Wolfensohn Inc.

 Hysan Development Co., the Hong Kong real estate concern, posted a 19.3 percent increase in oet profit for 1991, to 710.5 million Hong Kong dollars (\$91.8 million), on revenue that rose to 1.05 billion dollars from

 Mitsumi Electronic Co., a Japanese components maker, posted an 80.9 percent increase in current profit for the year that ended Jan. 31, to 2.08 billioo yen (\$15.7 million).

· New Zealand's regulatory Commerce Commission said it had withdrawn a court action against Brierley Investments and Quntas Airways of Australia over their stakes in Air New Zealand.

· Hitachi Ltd. plans to relocate employees from its domestic-electricappliances and semicooductor departments as sales and profitability have slumped, a Hitachi spokesman said.

· South Korea has drafted a plan to set up a commodity fotures market better year in 1992 as tough measures to streamline its Spanish operation start to take effect, Managing Director Owen Price said Thursday.

The food and retail arm of the Jardine Matheson Group posted after-tax profit of \$147 million for 1991, down 3.3 percent from \$152 million dealing in agricultural, fisheries, livestock and manufacturing products from 1994, the government's Office of Supply said. · Anstralia's Securities Commission said it would sue former directors of

the failed Compass Airlines, which stopped flying Dec. 20, for allegedly operating the airline while it was insolvent. • Indonesia will receive a \$250 million loan for financial-sector reform

from the Asian Development Bank, the bank announced.

### A SECRETARIAN SECR 80,000 cars — the biggest Japa-MITI automobile division.

SYDNEY - For decades, Australia was a battleground for 14 of the world's carmakers, fighting for local market share. Now, just three competitors are left. General Motors Corp. finally committed Tuesday to a local marriage of convenience with Toyota Motor Co., the latest to give in to an Australian government push to allow imports to gain market share while forcing local makers to focus on exports.

The joint venture will now control about 33 percent

hberalization plan. "It was a real mess."

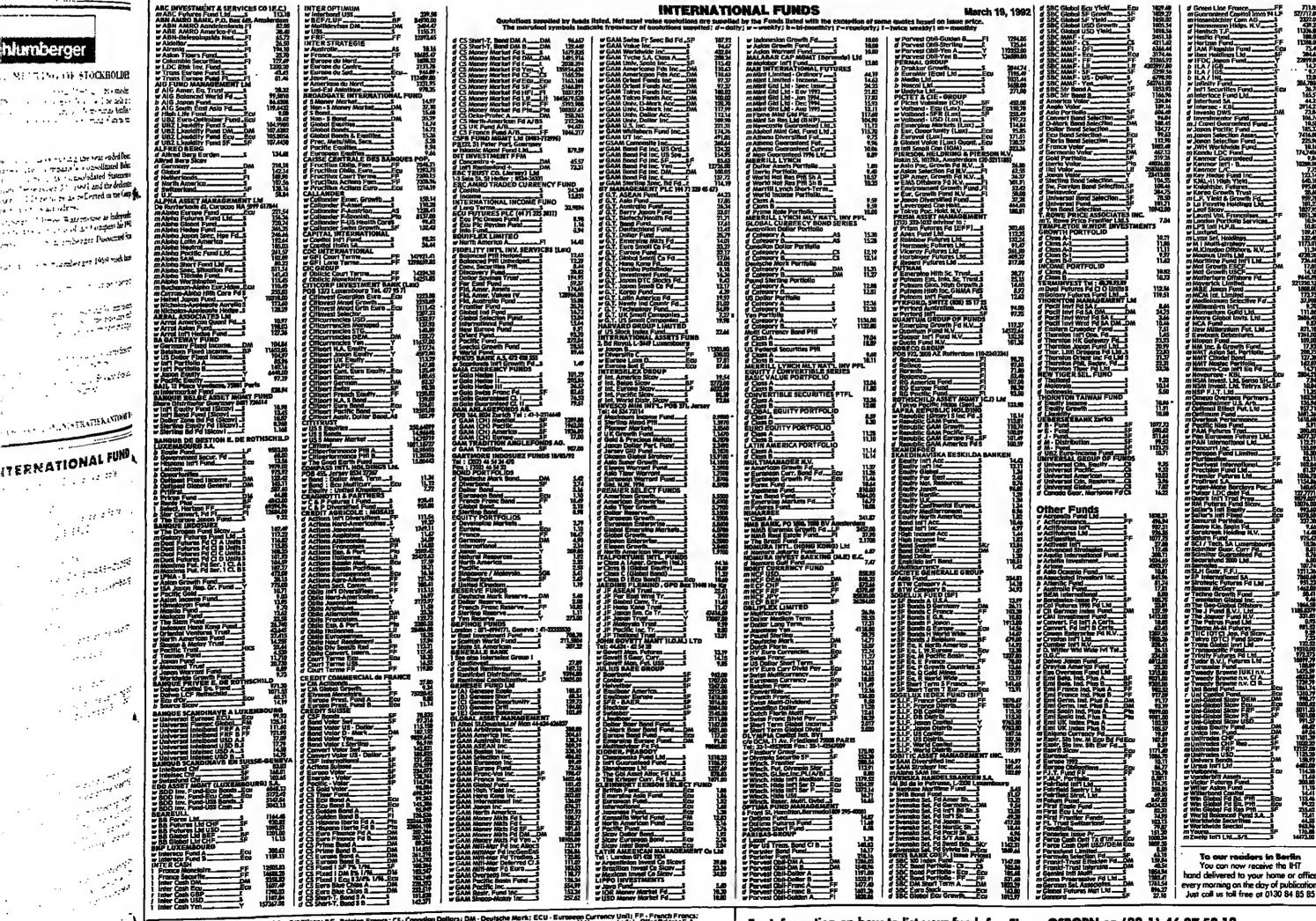
on imported cars, coupled with import quotas that guaranteed local manufacturers four-fifths of the marown operations in Australia,

But with car prices too high, the government began to wind back protection. Since late 1984, import quotas have been abolished and tariffs gradually cut with an eye to reaching just 15 percent by the year 2000. Tariffs are currently 35 percent, and are being

As tariffs dropped, carmakers left. Among those to go were Leyland, Chrysler, Morris, Volkswagen, Re-

#### Mr. Price said at a oews conference he hoped the restructuring of the Spanish Simago chain, acquired last year, would result in a smaller loss this year. For 1991, the chain posted a loss of \$8.6 million.





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# French-Trained Arazi Gallops Toward His Place in History

By Ian Thomsen
International Herold Tribune

CHANTILLY, France — The coming of Arazi is heralded by the faraway sound of hurried breathing, but as he draws closer his chestnut profile bobs clear of the gray morning mist, and the sound, closer still, is explained by the crisp thudding of hooves upon the soft wet grass, scooping it up and spraying it out behind and around him like splashes of brown water. Long moments after he has passed by, his divots come sprinkling

down lightly at your feet.

Then, just as quickly, his momentum carries him off into the woods of Les Aigles, 's enchant-ed training ground uo. a of Paris, and he will not he seen running for another four days.

The only news of Arazi, the overwhelming 8-to-5 favorite to win the Kentucky Derby, is that he appears fully recovered from the minor arthroscopic surgery in November that removed bone chips from his front knees. He will race in the 1,600-meter (one mile) Prix Omnium II at St. Cloud. France, on April 7. Then Arazi will he flown to Kennicky, escort-ed in the cargo bay by two han-dlers, one week before the mileand-a-quarter Derby on the first Saturday in May.

If Arazi's potential comes true, he will be the first Freuch-trained thoroughbred to win the Kentucky Derby. The last overseas winner was Tommy Lee from England in 1959, who had been purchased as a mere traveling companion for another borse.

Arazi, now projected as the heir to Secretariat, belonged to owners who twice tried to get rid of him. His breeder, Ralph C. Wilson, owner of the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League, decided in 1989 to sell most of his stock because he hadn't the time to watch his horses compete. The weanling Arazi was purchased for \$350,000 by Allen E. Panlson, chairman and chief executive officer of Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, Georgia, who eight months later put Arazi up for sale

"I was not about to sell him unless he got at least \$1 million," says Paulson, 69. "It was unbelievable to me. I thought he would bring at least that much."

the market for \$300,000. Little more than a year later, when the horse had won six consecutive races in France. Paulson was able to sell a half-interest in Arazi for a reported \$7 million to Sheikh Mo-hammed ibn Rashid al Maktourn, the defense minister of Dubai and a free spender who owns eight

horse farms in Europe.

The investment was soon re-warded, in the Breeder's Cup Juvenile in Louisville, Kentucky, in November, when the horse recovered from 13th place to win by five lengths. It was Arazi's debut in America, his first race on a dirt track, his first counterclockwise turn. While he surged wide of the pack on the turn home, his competitors all suddenly looked as though they were trying to climb up a downward-bound escalator. Arazi was named after an avia-

tion checkpoint in Arizona, Observed by Paulson while he was served by Panison white he was setting a world speed record in one of his company's jets in 1988. "I guess I like speed, and this horse has it," Paulson says. "I just feel so grateful. It makes you feel like what can you do to repay the horse for all that he's done."

His trainer is François Boutin, 55, who lives amid his stables in Lamorlaye, near the woods of Les Aigles where his horses work in the mornings. At daybreak Boutin walks north along a natural wooded alley that opens up into an oblong clearing, revealing a circle of perhaps 60 of his horses, all mounted by riders, walking single file, counterclockwise, slowly. Boutin raises his left arm and the circle comes to a stop. He steps

is not instantly impressive. Other horses in the group appear more powerful. He might have re-mained in Kentucky, at Paulson's farm, but it was fathomed that Arazi was best suited to Boutin's methods, as well as the racing grass of Europe. It is agreed that the horse would have undergone a more demanding training schedule in the United States, where all tracks are virtually the same, and

the premium is speed. "Arazi is a very good horse,"



Arazi, under the jockey Pat Valenzuela, surging to victory in the Breeder's Cup Juvenile in Louisville, Kentucky, in November.

explains Boutin, "but it is not so much his speed. In his origins there are not many speed blood-lines. He's just better than the other horses. He is just better."

Boutin does not react to tenths of seconds. In the European tradition, he does not carry a stopwatch. Nor has Arazi ever been

timed while in training, he says. "Americans look at the clock all the time," says Christian Meunir, Boutin's assistant, while Boutin stares down, pretending there is a stop watch in his hand. "Looking at the clock they know how the clock is made, but they don't know how the horse is made."

Raised on his father's farm in Normandy, Boutin was a trottingrace driver and amateur rider, as well as a rider in show-jumping

and cross-country events. He assisted the famed French trainer Etienne Pollet for four years, until 1964. Since, Boutin has been the leading trainer in France on several occasions. He has lived in his bouse near Les Aigles for 22 years.

On this morning he wears a beige corded sweater, olive corduroy pants and brown boots into the woods, and his fine white hair falls back behind his ears. The only sounds are of the birds and men walking and the echoes of horses. The bare oak trees dividing the labyrinth of tracks will fill in with green in another two weeks time. The wide dirt road he walks is pocked with large horse-

"Look around here," says Meunir. "There are probably 60

miles of track here in these woods." It is as though other means of travel have not yet been

"This job is a job of detaits," Boutin says, walking, "Every day you are working. You think it about it all of the time. You think only of it. It is a work of observation. You look. You look. You look. You must do that, every

Has he envisioned the perfect

"Yes," Boutin says, smiling. "He has had sometimes what he was thinking would be the ideal

elways something that happens."
The crucial races are ahead of him. Returning to the clearing. Arazi is walked by his rider along the same previous circle. He is snorting from exertion, and steam rises spectacularly from his mus-cled flanks. He tries to grab the whip out of the rider's hand, but the man, in his blue jeans and parka, is unperturbed; he keeps looking around, to see who has horse," Meunir says. "But very often he was disappointed. It is a very difficult thing to find in horses, to find the horse who can go through everything. He has had come to take a look at the famed Arazi today. In the meantime, Boutin is elsewhere in the woods, observing his other horses, in the quiet of the early morning light.

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# **Barcelona Blanks** Kiev to Remain on **Target for Final**

Barcelona, the Spanish champion, looked destined to celebrate the city's Olympic year with an appear-ance in the European Champions' Cup soccer final after beating Dynamo Kiev, 3-0, at home in the

Bulgarian striker Kristo Stoichkov was the hero for the hosts, scoring two second-half goals against Kiev while Julio Salinas grabbed a third in the 87th minute

on Wednesday.

Barcelona's victory — it is the only club unbeaten after four matches in the two four-team matches in the two four-team groups — put it three points clear of Sparta Prague with two matches left. The result puts the Spanish soccer giant, which has never won the trophy despite three decades of trying, in the strongest position of the eight teams left in the competition. In another semifinal, Sampdoria teamsed its authority on the home

stamped its authority on the home game in Genoa with two goals in quick succession in the first half. Midfielder Attilio Lombardo

scored the opening goal in the 33d minute after Roberto Mancini had hit the post. A minute later Man-cini connected for the second goal. CUP WINNERS' CUP

The Portuguese star Rui Barros headed the winner as host Monaco, hoping to become the first French chib to win a European chib trophy, reached the semifinals at the expense of the 1991 UEFA Cup finalist AS Roma.

 In London, Feyencord Rotter-dam gained the semifinals without conceding a goal in six games. The Dutch club defied a Tottenham team including the England striker Gary Lineker to post a goal-less tie and advance 1-0 on aggregate. In previous rounds, it had edged

Dynamo Tirana 1-0 and ousted Switzerland's Sion on penalties after two goal-less ties. Only hours after the match, Feyenoord suspended its coach,

Hans Dorjee, for making critical comments about the club. Dorjee, who last month announced he would leave the Dutch side in June despite signing a con-tract until July 1993, is suspended

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news agency reported on Thursday. He gave an interview to a Dutch Sunday newspaper in which he crin-icized the club, saying that he was not taken scriously and was "used

and abused." The team's technical manager, Wim Jansen, is expected to take over until the end of the season. Jansen coached Feyenoord when Dorjee underwent heart surgery

Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez who has not played for three weeks in the Spanish league, squeezed Real Madrid into the semifinals with a brilliant goal in a 1-0 second-leg victory over Sigma Olomouc of Czechoslovakia

Sanchez deflected the ball with his heel into the far right-hand corner of the net.

Sanchez had scored only one other goal all season after returning from knee surgery. Italy's Torino traveled to

BK1903 Copenhagen for another UEFA quarterfinal game ou Thursday. (AP, Renters)

■ FIFA Drops Brazil Threat FIFA lifted a threat to suspend

Brazil from international soccer on Thursday after Brazilian soccer authorities agreed to suspend the top Rio de Janiero club Flamengo, Reuters reported from Zurich. FIFA, world soccer's governing body, made the threat earlier this week after Flamengo started legal proceedings against FIFA for an international ban imposed on the

club several months ago. The dispute began last year when Flamengo broke FIFA rules that prohibit soccer matters from being taken to civil courts. The club filed a lawsuit against the sudden re-election of Ricardo Teixeira, sonin-law of FIFA's president, João Havelange, as the Brazilian soccer

federation's president in July. FIFA banned Flamengo from all international matches until the dub withdrew that lawsuit. But Flamengo refused to drop the suit

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## **BOOKS**

#### PATRICK WHITE: A Life

By David Marr. 727 pages. \$30. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Elizabeth Ward

TN 1973, to the mingled pride and bemusement of Australians, the Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to Patrick White — a difficult and unpatri-otic writer with a pugnacious jaw, a basilisk stare and a quiverful of poison-tipped opinions — for introducing "a new continent to literature."

Since the publication of his first novel, "Happy Valley," in 1939, he had built up on three continents a reputation as a kind of Australian national monument, much visited but not widely appreciated. introducing a new continent to literature. Although his fiction is grounded in the landscape, Australia itself be railed against as "a piddling country." His preferred terrain was interior, what the critic

James Stern called the life of the soul. In 1986, four years before his death, Patrick White gave the Australian journalist and biographer David Marr per-mission to collect his letters and subsequently assisted him in every way he

could with the writing of this book.

White has been extraordinarily well served by Marr. Despite its exhaustive detail, it is as spellbinding as a good novel, distinguished by exemplary plain-

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ness of style and shrewdness of literary udgment as well as a frankness about matters such as White's homosexuality that allays any suspicions over Marr's independence. White reportedly did not ask him to cut or change a line. Above all the book brings the monument to full,

raging life.

Born in London in 1912 into an immensely wealthy New South Wales landowning family, Paddy grew up a simleteyed child in the dual world of Sydney
society, where his mother queened it, and
his father's round of "sheep, weather,
racehorses and ... sport." At odds
with his mother, White adored his strict Presbyterian nanny. At 13 he was exiled, as he saw it, to Cheltenham, an English public school where he was so miserable

public school where he was so miserable that a kind of misanthropy settled on him, never to be entirely dispelled.

World War II took him to the Middle East as an RAF intelligence officer in Ethiopia and Egypt. In Alexandria he met a Greek named Manoly Lascaris, a meeting that changed both their lives: "this small Greek of immense moral strength" became White's lifelons comstrength" became White's lifelong companion, as well as awakening in him that passion for Greece that answered much of his unmet need for simplicity, for grace and for history. After the war the

pair returned to Sydney, where they lived together in stormy loyalty for 45 years. Marr is at pains to find clues in all this to White's chronic sense of himself as an outsider, a refugee, a foreigner — the familiar stance of so many of his charac-ters. Taking Eddie Twyborn's famous declaration, "I am the stranger of all by Alan Truscott time," as the epigraph and underlying theme of his book, he also invites us to wonder how this offspring of an idle and philistine grazier's son and a pretentious society matron - "a child with what kind of a strange gift nobody quite knew - ever came by his rich and

sensuous imagination. Marr argues persuasively that the pe-culiarly unconventional and self-conscious form White's gift took had its source in his homosexuality. White himself felt this. "If I am anything as a writer it is through my homosexuality, which has given me additional insights as a writer, and through a very strong vein of

You do have to have a taste for White's art. But even those who fail to be mesmerized by his characters' erratic search for God will find Marr's portrait of the man irresistibly interesting — and more enlightening than White's own skewed and vengeful memoir. "Flaws in the Glass" (1981). We see where so many of his simple, heroic characters come from. But more than that, we come to understand why a sweety reasonable man like Manoly Lascaris — the quiet hero of this book in my opinion — would suffer Patrick White till only death could part them. You couldn't ask for a more rounded portrait than that.

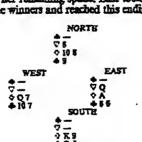
Elizabeth Ward, who frequently reviews Australian fiction, wrote this for The

## BRIDGE

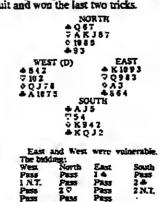
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South played low.
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When the heart queen was cashed, South gave up a club, and East led that suit and won the last two tricks.



West led the spade two.

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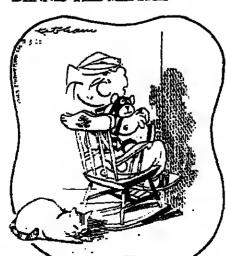
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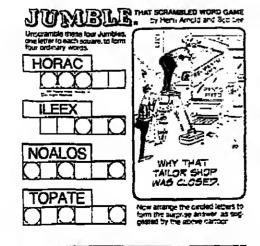
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#### **DENNIS THE MENACE**



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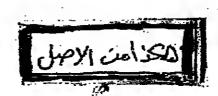
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By Thomas George

New York Times Service

one-year renewals and constant

consternation over the merits of its

use, instant replay was eliminated

for the 1992 National Football

League season in a surprising 17-11

Although a majority was in favor

In the instant-replay system, of-

stadium booth and, upon review of game videotape, confirmed or over-

turned the on-field officials' calls.

The plays called on for review pri-

ed whether replay had run its course because of the way it slowed the

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**NBA Standings** 

ficials with TV monitors sat in a coach, explained his team's rever-

marily regarded possession and ac-tion governed by the sidelines, goal

He added, "The thing I think a lot of coaches will like about this is

Each year since the system was sideline and wonder initially if re-instituted in 1986 the owners debat-

In annual votes on whether to flow of the game will improve."

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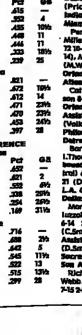
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Lance Miller, left, and Anthony Oliver were an even match, but Virginia came out the winner, 83-80.

On the Instant Replay After 6 Years

continue using the system, instant

replay only once received as many

as 24 of the 28 owners' votes; in

each of the last two years it passed by the slimmest margin of 21-7.

Philadelphia Eagles and the Tampa

Bay Buccaneers helped the teams

Jimmy Johnson, the Cowboys'

sal: "We've been on the fence with

replay for a couple of years. But

last year and a couple of games in particular pushed us over."

not having to stand over on that

play is even going to look at the call and not having to jump up and down and point at the big screen

Most important, he said, "the

the system to finally end its run.

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The fallout after the vote illus-

"It is a step backward for the

trated the varied and strong opin-

ions in the league on the merits of

league's competition committee.

which had recommended to the

"I think we're going to regret the day we voted it down and that it

will eventually come back in," he

said. "I personally feel it was stu-

pidity on our league. We had the

ability to correct calls in '91 that we

Last season, replay was used on

570 plays, and 90 reversals were

made. Both numbers all-time highs.

Jerry Sceman, the NFL supervi-sor of officials, said his office had determined that 9 of the 90 rever-

sals were wrong and that in 12 cases

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MIDWEST REGIONAL No. 9 Arkansas 80, Murray State 69: In Milwaukee, Oliver Miller scored 21 points and Isaiah Morris

last of his four 3-pointers with 2:38 to go. Seton Hall made six 3-point-Razorbacks overcame foul trouble. ers during a five-minute stretch to Morris scored eight of his 16 points in a 17-5 spurt as Arkansas Jerry Walker added consecutive finally pulled away. Arkansas (26layups and Dehere got the front end of a two-shot foul with 1:12 7) will play Memphis State, which stopped Pepperdine later Thursleft, giving Seton Hall a 76-74 adday, in the second round Saturday. Murray State (17-13) got 25

1.8 seconds left as Seton Hall ral-lied to win in Greensboro, North left corner for his game-winner.

points from Frank Allen and 17 Jack Hurd's backdoor basket with 48 seconds to play tied the points and 15 rebounds from censcore for La Salle, but Seton Hall ter Popeye Jones. worked the ball for the last shot, passing around the perimeter until

Allen scored Murray State's first 15 points of the second half, hitting

to give the Razorbacks a three-point lead. There was a tie at 57 before Miller's layup broke it with Paul Burke's length-of-the-court pass for Milko Lieverst was 9:35 to play. knocked away as time expired. Wood scored 33 points, including 12 during a crucial stretch of the second half.

Todd Day, who sat out 71/2 minutes after picking up his third and fourth fouls early in the half, hit two free throws to give Arkansas a four-point lead, Robert Shepherd made a 3-pointer and Morris hit another jumper to make it 66-59 with 6:39 remaining.

sparked a second-half run as the Memphis State 80, Pepperdine 70: Anfernee Hardaway scored 21 points and took control down the stretch for Memphis State, which blew a a 13-point halftime lead but regrouped to win.

Billy Smith added 19 points for the Tigers (21-10). Doug Christie had 23 points for Pepperdine (24-7), which had a 12-game winning streak broken and which is 0-5 in NCAA tournament play since its last victory in 1982.

Peoperdine, which trailed 41-28 at halftime, began the second half with a 21-4 run to take its biggest lead, 49-45, with 13:03 to play. The Waves led 51-48 before Hardaway hit a 3-pointer to tie it. With the score 55-55, the sophomore star made another 3-pointer to put the Tigers ahead for good.

WEST REGIONAL No. 22 Georgetown 75, South Florida 60: In Boise, Idaho, Alonzo Mourning led the Georgetown effort with 21 points, 11 rebounds and 6 blocked shots.

The Hoyas (22-9) outscored the Bulls, 14-2, over the final 3:40, making 12 of 14 free throws down the stretch.

Georgetown exploited a collapsing South Florida man-to-man defense that double- and tripleteamed Mourning, opening a 40-27 lead by sinking six of their first eight 3-point shots. Averaging four 3-pointers per game this year, the Hoyas made four in the opening 6:07.

# North Carolina Survives Miami Barrage

Seton Hall (22-8) will play either West Virginia or Missouri in the

La Salle (20-11) led for most of the game and was ahead, 70-62, after Randy Woods's 3-pointer

But Seton Hall rallied, closing to

74-71 when John Leahy made the

second round on Saturday.

with 4:13 left.

The Associated Press

Dean Smith became the winningest coach in National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament history 
ment history on Thursday when North Carolina survived a barrage of 3-pointers and beat Miami of Ohio, 68-63, behind 22 points from Eric Montross in Cincinnati.

The outcome was in doubt until Miami's Jamie Mercurio missed a desperate attempt to tie it on a 30footer with four seconds left. North Carolina's Hubert Davis, fouled immediately, made both free throws to clinch it. Smith has won 48 tournament games, one more than UCLA's

John Wooden, since becoming the Tar Heels' coach in 1961. North Carolina is making its record 18th consecutive appearance in the No. 18 North Carolina (22-9) will play Alabama, which stopped Stanford later Thursday, in Satur-

the best in college sports, and it does not matter

The football rivalry is famous. But until a

break in relations in 1982, the Panthers and

Nittany Lions had also met 138 times in basket-

"We came into the tournament with the atti-

It was one of six opening-round games in the

NIT on Wednesday night.

McNeal scored Pitt's last 12 points and 14 of

the Panthers' last 16 to hand Penn State its first

half, but Penn State, as it has done so often this season, failed to hold a lead. A 15-5 Pirt run tied

Pitt (18-15) trailed by 12 early in the second

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - Pakistan's

cricketers are confident of beating New Zealand

again in Saturday's World Cup semifinal and of

going on to win the trophy, the team's manager,

Whichever side wins, it will be its first final.

"After beating them once we are very confident," Intikhab said. "And I'm confident we can

win the Cup. This is not the first time we have

Pakistan arrived here Thursday from Christ-

church, where it handed New Zealand its first

defeat in eight World Cup round-robin matches, a

five World Cup tournaments that Pakistan has

reached the semifinals. But it has never made it

just three points from their first five matches.

Placed as joint second favorites with England before the competition — Australia was a favorite at that stage — the Pakistanis had a bad start, gleaning

But victories in their final three matches enabled

them to capture the fourth qualifying spot on Wednesday, when they finished one point ahead of Australia England meets South Africa on Sunday

The match Saturday will be the fourth time in

Intikhab Alam, said Thursday.

come from behind."

seven-wicket drubbing.

in the other semifinal.

unde of winning this whole thing," said Chris McNeal, a senior forward whose 3-point play

with 11 seconds left sealed the victory.

if it is football or basketball.

This time, Pitt survived, 67-65.

home loss of the season,

could not stop Sprewell's outside shooting in the closing minutes. day's second round of the South-EAST REGIONAL east Regional. Miami, winner of Seton Hall 78, La Salle 76: Terry the Mid-American Conference, fin-Dehere made a 17-foot jumper with

appearance since 1986

Mercurio led Miami's "Bomb

Squad" with 24 points, all on a

career-high eight 3-point shots. But

Miami was not able to overcome

the inside strength of the Montross, who scored 10 points during a 23-9

second-ball run that turned a sev-

en-point deficit into a 62-55 North

No. 13 Alabama 80, Stanford 75:

Latrell Sprewell scored 18 second-half points, including eight in a row, to put Alabama for good, 69-

64, with four minutes left. Stanford (18-11) managed to slow down Alabama's fast-paced

offense until the final six minutes

and dominate inside behind Adam

Keefe's 23 points. But the Cardinal

A Cricket Showdown for Pakistan

In Semifinal, New Zealand Hopes to Avenge Only Loss

Carolina lead with 1:57 left.

Pitt Ousts Penn State in NIT Opener the game at 51 and Jerry McCullough's layup

The Pittsburgh-Penn State rivalry is one of with 10:10 left put the Panthers up 55-53. DeRon Hayes scored 20 points for Penn State, which closed its season at 21-8.

> It was the first game between the two intrastate rivals since Pitt created a rift by joining the Big East Conference in 1982. That shot down Penn State football coach Joe Paterno's plan for an Eastern all-sports conference.

ball — with Penn State holding a 74-64 edge.
Wednesday night, the teams resumed their rivalry in the National Invitation Tournament. Tennessee 71, Alabama-Birmingham 68: Allan Houston scored 33 points to lead Tennessee, which improved to 19-14 and advanced to the second round. The Blazers, who did not score in the final 4:48, finished the season 20-9.

Notre Dame 63, W. Michigan 56: Malik Russell scored eight points in a Notre Dame flurry that dashed Western Michigan's hopes of con-tinuing its best season in a decade. Notre Dame (15-14) advanced while Western Michigan ended its season at 21-9 in a game of missed opportunities and bad shooting.

Virginia 83, Villanova 80; Bryant Stith scored

"It's much better that way, that you find your form in the later stages," said Intikhab, who has managed Pakistan for eight years. "It's a silly old game. All our key players are coming into form." Seeking to stop them will be a New Zealand team that has confounded predictions by defeating

all comers resoundingly until the loss Wednesday

Eden Park surface that has brought them victories

over Australia, South Africa and West Indies. Op-

ponents have complained that the ball does not

come on to the bat, while the New Zealanders have

enjoyed bludgeoning the ball into the packed stands. But Intikhab and captain Imran Khan waved

aside such fears, saying that those sorts of pitches

New Zealand will be looking to the in-form

flamboyance of opening batsman Mark Great-batch for another flying start to their innings. He is averaging just under 50 from his six Cup matches.

Captain Martin Crowe, also in top form and averaging 121, said Wednesday's defeat was just the event New Zealand needed to get it in the right

mood for the semifinal, although he said he would

"They're a dangerous side because they are on the up, they are improving," he said of the Pakistanis.

10), 4-2, 6-0; Alberto Moncini, Argentina, det. Richard Kroticot, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-7 (6-5), 7-5; Michael Chans (6), 13-5, det. Pete Sompros (4), U.S., 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

were commonplace in Pakistan.

rather have played South Africa.

The New Zealanders also will be playing on the

29 points and Junior Burrough 22 as Virginia held off Villanova. A pair of 3-pointers by Chris Walker in the

last 16 seconds brought the Wildcats within 83-80. The Cavaliers (16-13) led by 16 at halftime, but Villanova came back once within four. The Wildcats (14-15) couldn't get any closer until their final flurry, missing six of seven free throws in a key stretch.

Kansas State 85, Western Kentucky 74: Askia Jones scored 25 points and Vince Jackson had a career-best 21 points as Kansas State got off to a quick start and coasted past Western Kentucky. Kansas State (16-13), making its first appear-

ince in the NIT since 1976, was in command of the Hilltoppers (21-11) from the start. The only thing that kept the margin from reaching blow-out proportions was Western Kentucky's freethrow touch in the last 10 minutes.

Washington State 72, Minnesota 70: Terrence Lewis and Ken Critton sank seven free throws in the final minute as Washington State (22-10) edged Minnesota (16-16).

#### SIDELINES

#### Kronberger Wins 3d Overall Title

CRANS MONTANA, Switzerland (AP) — Petra Kronberger of Austria sewed up her third straight women's overall World Cup sking title on Thursday by finishing 19th in the final super-giant slakom of the season. Carole Metle of France won the race, clinching her fourth straight season title in the super-G. She was timed in 1 minute, 30.17 seconds over the course made difficult by warm temperatures. Merie was 0.8 seconds faster than her nearest rival, Merete Fjeldavli of Norway. Zoe Haas of Switzerland was third with a time of 1:31.30.

Kronberger, who won two gold medals in the Olympics last month, turned in a time of 1:32.17, which was two seconds off Merle's pace, but close enough to put her in 19th place. She needed only a 24th-place finish to win the overall title.

### Messaggero Roma Wins Korac Cup

PESARO, Italy (AP) — Messaggero Roma won European basketball's Korac Cup, upsetting Scavolini Pesaro, 99-86, in their second-leg final of the club tournament. Scavolini, playing at home on Wednesday night, was rated as a certain

winner following a 94-94 tie achieved in the first-leg in Rome last week. Yugoslav center Dino Radja and his American teammate Rick Mahorn scored 17 and 12 points respectively for Messaggero, which led 43-40 at halftime. On the losing side, American forward Darren Daye was the leading scorer of with 27 points. His American teammate Haywoode Workman added 20.

#### For the Record

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Arantxa Sánchez Vicario ousted Jennifer Capriati, 6-2, 6-4, Thursday in the semifinals at the International Players Championships in Florida.

On Wednesday, Capriati beat top-ranked Monica Seles. (AP)
The Scottish lefthander Pat Clinton stayed away from Isidro Perez's big
right hands and took the Mexican's World Boxing Organization flyweight title on a split decision Wednes-

day in Glasgow. (AP)
The Hopman Cup mixed teams tennis tournament has been sched-

uled for Jan. 1-8 in 1993. (Reuters) Morocco scored early and went on to an easy, 3-1, victory over the United States in an international exhibition soccer match Wednesday in Casablanca.

Paul Hodkinson of Britain is to make the first defense of his World Boxing Council featherweight title on April 25 against Steve Cruz of the United States.

Jon Horton, one of the top receivers in the World League of American Football, has been

banned for the coming season for an undisclosed reason. Horton, 27, helped the London Monarchs to the WLAF title last year. (AP) Dave Krieg, 33, starting quarter-back for the Seattle Seahawks of

the National Football League for most of the past eight seasons, signed Thursday with the Kansas City Chiefs as a Plan B free agent. Terms were not disclosed. (AP)

The French winger Patrice Lagisquet, 29, announced Thursday that he was quitting international rugby after being dropped from the squad for the final Five Nations match Saturday against Ireland. (AFP)

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# Ganga Nostra Days

By Russell Baker

Pote of gangster lore filling I wou New York newspapers takes me back to 1935, when I entertained the idea of a career in gangstering. I had seen Paul Mum and George Raft do it and admired the elegant cars, expensive suits and fancy fedoras that were standard gangster

On the negative side, Muni and Raft spent a lot of time listening to Ann Dvorak sing about Casey Jones at the piano. Joan Blondell tickling the ivories at my hideout might have been tolerable, but Ann Dvorak was not my type.

The job-related risk of being shot wasn't as forbidding then as it is now. In those days bullets entering that gangaters like Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney and George Raft went in neatly and the shot party grabbed his rib cage like a man remembering too late that it was his wife's birthday, grimaced and collapsed tastefully.

It looked quick and painless, quite different from the abattoir mess we've come to expect nowadays every time we check out a passed of manufers from the video shop. Why then did I turn down the job? Because of the complexity of

Gangstering had more rules than baseball, in which I was also interested. In fact I would never have considered the gangster life if Bill Terry had offered to groom me to replace Dick Bartell at shortstop for the New York Giants.

The rules of gangstering were so complex that I was amazed the average gangster could master them. Take the nickname problem: What's your nickname?" a personnel man asked me. I didn't have one. "Rules say you got to have a nickname," he said, so I said, "Fats."

Whattaya wanna scuttle across the facers of searly seen with the lobsters?" he said. (This was 1935, remember. I gather from movies that high-flown poetic borrowings are now against the rules and people are asked simply if they yearn to "sleep with the fishes. Such is the decline of delicacy in our era.)

By choosing "Fats" I had broken

a rule that forbids anybody below

the rank of underboss to use irony. The irony in my choice of "Fats" arose from the fact that I was 5 feet

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I would have been taken for a ride immediately if I had been a little older, but the rules, I was told, stated that no children or women could be taken for a ride, shot in the kneecaps or forced to eat broccoli more than three times a week.

Even more dangerous than infringing on the bosses' exclusive right to irony was a violation of the dread code of the buttoned lip ("Boutonnez! Toujours boutonnez!") which prescribed death for such infractions as:

(1) Telling the police who shot your kneecaps.

(2) Warning your best pal to get out of town if he wants to escape being served a six-course broccoll

(3) Mentioning aloud the name of the gangster organization you work for.

How is it possible to conduct gangster business without violating this last rule? By giving the organization a code name. Nowadays the code name seems to be Cosa Nostra ("Our Thing"), but in 1935 it was Ganga Nostra ("Our Gang").

Suppose your organization needed your belp in a business operation. The team "Campa Nostra" let you know the orders were official without requiring anyone to utter the ization's unspeakable name.

For instance: Your phone rang, A man important enough to use irony said, "Be at Otto's Veggie Bar to-night to help Ganga Nostra put six courses of broccoli into your best pal so we can fill him full of bullet holes and watch the green run out."

These few examples hardly begin to plumb the complexity of the rules gang members had to learn in 1935. Fortunately for me, 1935 was the year James Cagney, though raised by a crime boss, joined the FBI after his pal was killed by gangsters, and starred in "G-Men."

Shortly after that I turned 11 and became far more interested in Joan Blondell than in tommy guns, which is probably why I am here to wax nostalgic about it. Can you imagine Markon Brando calling a sitdown of all the bosses to say, The kid can't help being hopelessly addicted to irony - let's give him a break? Not a prayer. My kneecaps ache at the mere thought of it.

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# A Wright Building in Jeopardy in Tokyo

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

OKYO — The building, dilapidated but distinctive, still stands on a quiet back street. Inside, the signature stone work, lamps and window designs are intact and the original furniture, though battered and worn, remains much as Frank Lloyd Wright left it. Most remarkable is that this is not a museum.

The Jiyu Gakuen, or the Freedom School, was designed by Wright in 1921 for a token fee as a way of encouraging a new egalitarian spirit in Imperial Japan. The handsome structure became a poignant symbol of the brief flowering of Western-style liberalism in the prewar era.

Today. Jiyu Gakuen remains a symbol, but of how soaring land values are reshaping Japan's urban landscape and of how little, experts say, is being done by the government to preserve the country's modern architectural heritage. There are concerns that Wright's building, which the school no longer uses for classes, may be razed because the land underneath has grown so valuable.

It is a story that preservationists say is being played out often these days. Al-though this history-obsessed nation has been careful to save thousands of old temples and shrines, it has done surprisingly little to hold on to the most important architecture produced since the Meiji restoration, when Japan commenced its dash toward industrialization.

According to the Cultural Affairs Agency here, 3,417 structures in Japan have been designated Important Cultural Assets, the equivalent of landmark status. But only 136 of these are so-called Western-style buildings from the modern era.

The problem at Wright's Jiyu Gakuen, the last remaining untouched building be designed in Japan, is similar to that at other important sites; the Cultural Affairs Agency says it has indicated an interest in designating the site a landmark, but the school's board has refused.

Although such approval is not required by the law, in practice the agency will not proceed without a willing owner, said Satoshi Miyazawa, the director of the bureau that manages the process.

"We are generally satisfied with the way designated buildings are being preserved." said Masaru Maeno, a professor of architectural history at the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, "The prob-lem is that much of the architecture that ought to be designated is not. The process only begins when the owner approves. Too much is being lost because of this practice. Iryu Gakuen is just one very bad example."
The motivation for a refusal is all too

clear in the case of Wright's building; the

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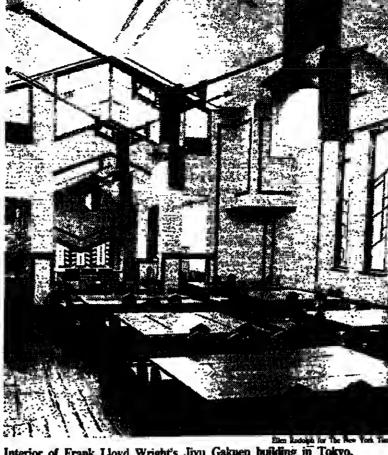
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Interior of Frank Lloyd Wright's Jiyu Gakuen building in Tokyo.

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Hani said the problem with landmark designation was that it restricts what can be done with the property. The govern-ment must approve all work done on a building and usually forbids any changes. He added that one option the school's board is considering is to divide the property and preserve only a portion of the structure. Some have proposed moving the whole structure to another site. Such

thoughts horrify many preservationists, "It's an integral design," said Raku

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Endo, an architect and son of Arata Endo, the Japanese architect who worked closely on the building with Wright. "You have to save the whole thing if you're going to save it. It would be a disaster to try anything

The school was started by Yoshikazn Hani and his wife, Motoko. She was among the first women to be a newspaper reporter in Japan, and started with her busband a progressive magazine for housewives. They decided to open a new kind of school when they grew wary of the rote learning and competitive nature of typical schools, still a characteristic of Japnese education.

The Christian-oriented Jiyu Gaknen, at first open to girls only, developed a creed of Emersonian self-reliance and egalitarianism. The students were judged on qualities in addition to their test scores, including composition and athletic ability. They also grew and prepared much of their own food, sewed their own clothes and were trained in the arts.

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original building and a new campus was built on the western outskirts of Tokyo by Arata Endo. But it still hews to the same principles, with most aspects of school life run by student committees. The school has thus been a magnet for

free spirits and artists. Its graduates include many film directors and musicians. Yoko Ono, the avant-garde performer and widow of John Lennon, attended the kindergarten, as did Ryuichi Sakamoto, a composer known for his musical score for the movie "The Last Emperor."

"This came at a turning point in Wright's work - his style started to change at this time - and it came at a turning point in Japan, before it moved toward militarism," said Tetsuya Mina-miseko, a professor of architecture at Kohgakuin University, who is an expert on Wright. "Schools were built on a very rigid model in those days and this was a change toward a more open style." The problem is not money. Miyazawa

said the national and local governments provided as much as 90 percent of the funds needed to rehabilitate a designated building, and no one doubts that Jiyu Gakuen would require extensive rehabilitation. Raku Endo said it could cost as much as \$5 million.

Its copper roof, perhaps rumed already with a coating of tar, has sprung numerous leaks. The walls are cracked and have been barily repaired in places. Some columns are leaning dangerously. The electrical system needs to be replaced. The battle to save the Jiyu Gakuen is

unlikely to be as emotional as the struggle over Wright's most famous Japanese building, the Imperial Hotel, a spectacular fantasy in brick and stone. Wright occasionally referred to that landmark structure, covered with an ebullient and eclectic mix of ornamentation, as his masterpiece. But it, too, fell into disrepair and the

botel's owners bad it torn down in 1967 to make way for a larger development, in spite of fierce resistance from some architects and historians.

One small portion of the sprawling Imperial was salvaged, but in a manner that appalls many preservationists. Part of the lobby was taken apart and reassembled at a site, three hours by train west of Tokyo, in a sort of theme park called Meiji Mura, or Meiji Village.

The rural location is filled with several dozen structures from that idealistic era, with schools, civie buildings and even part of a prison set alongside a lake amid rolling hills. One of Japan's first steam engines puffs its way around the site. But it is early devoid of life, and some architects refer to it as a graveyard.

#### PEOPLE

Church Won't Recognize Kennedy's Marriage

Senstor Edward M. Kennedy's forthcoming marriage won't have the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church. The Kennedy clan is reportedly thrilled about his engage-ment to a Washington lawyer, Vie. toria Reggie, but Cardinal Bernard. Law of Boston says that as far as the church is concerned, Kennedy is still married to Joan Bennett Kennedy. The 60-year-old senator and his wife of 22 years divorced 10 years ago. Law says that, barring an annulment, the marriage to Reg-gie would not be recognized and Kennedy would be considered estranged from the church.

The Irish rock band U2 is trying The american data Talkers faith a mortise of the arms of the arms the arms of the ar to quell a flap arising from a newspaper report that the words "Bosh Javan Now Tasked on TV extens during a concert. The words occur separately in a stream of words that flash by, the group's public relations firm says. A portion of the stream reads: "... everyone is a racist except you bomb whore ultimately Japan chaos I want everything I want it now gun ... A March 6 review in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution said the phrase "Bomb Japan Now" showed up in "a spree of buzz words flashed at near-subliminal speed. 'At no time do the words 'Bomb Japan Now' appear together," the group's statement said.

Patrick Sabatier, a popular French television and radio host was arrested at his office and charged with fraud for promoting a Belgian faith-healer who claimed the ability to cure cancer over the airwaves and through the mail. The charges arose from an appearance on Sabatier's weekly variety show by the faith-healer, Philippe Guezh, Police opened an investigation after receiving complaints from hun-dreds of dissatisfied customers.

Daniel Basis's publications de-nied reports that the rock star had bought a 200-year-old Irish castle for his bride, Somali-born model Iman. Press reports said Bowie, 46, had bought Humewood Castle southwest of Dubhn, the publicist, Alan Edwards, denied this, saying: David, who byes in Los Angeles
. . . was not even aware of the castle's existence. . . . He is certainly very fond of Ireland which is how the rumors began."

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